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SHOW CHOIR CANADA RETURNS!
Juno Award-winner SHAWN DESMAN to Host
2ND ANNUAL SHOW CHOIR CANADA NATIONALS
April 13 & 14, 2012, Sony Centre For The Performing Arts
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Prepare yourself for the fiercest battle of the year: the battle of the GLEEKs! With five new competitors in 2012, will the reigning champions *Wexford Glee* defend their championship title?

Show Choir Canada (SCC) is glee-ful to announce the confirmed choirs and celebrity host for the second annual **Show Choir Canada Nationals**, taking place at the Sony Centre For The Performing Arts, April 13 & 14, 2012.

Confirmed high school show choirs ready to demonstrate their best vocals, dance moves, and musicianship for the competition are: *CN Explosion*, **Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School** (Stoney Creek, ON); *G Major*, **St. George's School of Montreal**; *SPCH*, **St. Peter Catholic High School** (Orleans, ON); *Synergy*, **Unionville High School**; *Cheat Notes*, **York Mills Collegiate Institute**; *Splash*, **Etobicoke School of the Arts**; *Adrenaline!*, **Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute** (Toronto, ON); *Vocal Fusion*, **Richmond Hill High School**; *GCVI Glee Club*, **Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute**; *Claude Watson Glee*, **Earl Haig Secondary School** (North York, ON); *Storm Surge*, **South Carleton High School** (Richmond, ON); *Coca Coda*s, **Sinclair Secondary School** (Whitby, ON); and returning champions *Wexford Glee*, **Wexford School of the Arts** (Scarborough, ON).

Toronto native and Juno Award-winning performer **Shawn Desman**, who served as a judge last year at the inaugural competition, will step out from behind the judging table and take the reins as host. With an accomplished career including a platinum debut album, a sophomore Juno Award winning album for Best R&B/Soul Recording, chart-topping singles and videos, movie performances and numerous accolades under his belt, singer, dancer, actor, songwriter and producer Shawn Desman's most recent album is entitled "Fresh."

This year, Show Choir Canada will also showcase the talents of the top-rated, nationally ranked U.S. show choir, *In Sync*, from Burbank High School in California. Participating as part of a cultural exchange, *In Sync* will perform outside of the official competition, but will receive valuable feedback from the judging panel. The Burbank High School show choir program ranked number one in the U.S. in 2009 and 2010.

The 2012 judging panel will consist of five top industry experts who will assess the teams competing in the Preliminaries and Finals. The judges are: Educator & Vocalist **Jeri Brown** (Montreal); Music Director/Producer **Mark Camilleri** (Toronto); Director/Choreographer **David Connolly** (Toronto); Educator/Conductor **Tricia Penner** (Winnipeg) and Director/Choreographer **Mike Weaver** (Chicago).

The Show Choir Canada Nationals is an open division competition for high school glee clubs and choirs. Choirs that place 1st – 6th will be awarded trophies and prizes totaling over \$25,000. The competition will also award scholarships to the Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts for exceptional individual performers.

Show Choir Canada also offers an opportunity for high school singers and dancers from across Canada to participate in workshops and professional development seminars run by Canada's leading industry professionals.

Show Choir Canada's mission is to play a vital role in the development and support of show choirs in Canada by creating opportunities that inspire, challenge, and encourage its youth participants. SCC was developed in collaboration with Peter da Costa, Owner/Agency Director, da Costa Talent Management and George Randolph, President/Founder, Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts.

SHOW CHOIR CANADA presents
The 2ND ANNUAL SHOW CHOIR CANADA NATIONALS
Sony Centre for the Performing Arts, 1 Front Street East
Friday, April 13 & Saturday, April 14, 2012

April 13 – Preliminaries: 11am-7:30pm
Tickets: \$18.00-\$25.00 / Student groups: \$13.50-\$16.00

April 14 – Finals – 2:00pm-8:30pm
Tickets: \$25.00-\$35.00 / Groups: \$18.75-\$28.00

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