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## SHOW CHOIR CANADA, SHOWCASING CANADA'S BEST YOUNG PERFORMERS, RETURNS & EXPANDS FOR 2017

### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Junior & High School Championship Competition Celebrates Performing Arts

TORONTO, March 27, 2017 – The 7<sup>th</sup> annual, highly anticipated and internationally regarded **Show Choir Canada Junior Championships** and **Show Choir Canada Championships** return to Toronto, Friday April 7, 2017, and Saturday April 8, 2017, at the **Queen Elizabeth Theatre** to showcase the very best of Canada's next generation of music and stage superstars.

Inspired by the cultural phenomenon of "show choirs" conceived in the United States, combining song and dance choreography into performances, and made popular around the globe by the hit TV-show **Glee**, Show Choir Canada's championships, co-Founded by **George Randolph** (Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts) and **Peter da Costa** (da Costa Talent Management / Podium Concert Productions), have become an established annual highlight in Toronto's performing arts scene.

Audiences of all ages are provided with exceptional performances in an ultimate, international showdown-like-battle, for the distinguished title of Canada's best show choir.

Since 2011, Show Choir Canada has been responsible for:

- Hosting over 125 choirs, competing on professional stages in Toronto
- Welcoming over 3,750 student performers and musicians
- Inviting 32 international judges from across Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom
- Providing over \$110,000 in prizes to top show choirs
- Handing out over 39 scholarships to the Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts (valued over \$30,000)

Open to choirs from around the world, this year's **Show Choir Canada Championships** will feature 13 of Canada's most impressive high-school and community based show choirs from Ontario and Quebec, as well as international performers from Minnesota, USA. Competitors will include 4 new show choirs (from Etobicoke, Mississauga, Montreal and Minnesota, USA), who will be making their Show Choir Canada debut. Returning 2016 Show Choir Canada champions "G Major" from St George's School of Montreal (Montreal, Quebec) will look to defend their current title.

In addition to the high-school championships, **Show Choir Canada's Junior**

**Championships** return for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual competition, where 5 junior-aged show choirs (grades 4-8) – the future of the performing arts – will take to the stage. The choirs will perform and compete in front of adjudicators, and receive valuable feedback with prizing and scholarship opportunities, in the evening of April 7, 2017 at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. The 2017 Junior Championships will welcome the debut performances of 3 first-time Show Choir Canada school and community choirs (from Woodbridge, Alliston and Collingwood).

For 2017, Show Choir Canada will introduce for a pre-competitive division for its Junior and Championships events. The new division, for schools and community groups with new and growing programs, will provide the excitement of performing in a professional environment, without the added pressure of fielding a competitive set. Show Choir Canada looks forward to welcoming its first pre-competitive choir from Burlington in 2017.

Both of Show Choir Canada's 2017 Championship events will be hosted by the stars of the hit Disney Channel and The Family Channel TV show *Backstage*, **Alyssa Trask** (Carly Catto) and **Devyn Nekoda** (Vanessa Morita). Competitors and ticket holders will also be treated to a special guest performance from *Backstage*'s **Josh Bogert** (Miles Lennox), who has recently released two singles as part of his self-titled debut EP available on iTunes, Spotify and Google Play.

Show Choir performers will vie for sought-after individual scholarships to the **Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts** and most importantly, the prestigious title and bragging rights of "2017 Show Choir Canada Champions" in a one-chance-to-win Championship.

Judging both Show Choir Canada events is a professional adjudicating panel comprised of top industry experts from across North America, who will provide live feedback and scoring. For 2017, Show Choir Canada welcomes judges **Linda Southard** (USA), **Kevin Chase** (USA), **Jeannie Wyse** (Canada) and **Mark Camilleri** (Canada).

Show Choir Canada's championships have previously been the subject matter for the 2015 **Canadian Screen Award**-winning, highly successful **TVO** documentary "*UNSUNG: Behind The Glee.*"

### **2017 SHOW CHOIR CANADA**

Queen Elizabeth Theatre, 190 Princes' Blvd, Toronto

**Show Choir Canada 2017 Junior Championships:** April 7, 2017

6PM – 9PM, Doors open 5:30PM

Tickets On Sale Now: \$35 (advance), \$40 (at door)

**Show Choir Canada 2017 Championships:** April 8, 2017

9:30AM – 10PM, Doors open 9AM, 1:30PM, 6PM and 9PM

Tickets On Sale Now: \$35/session (advance), \$80 VIP Pass (advance)  
\$40/session (at door)

**To order Tickets for Show Choir Canada 2017 events:**

By Phone: 1-800-656-0713

Online: [www.ShowChoirCanada.com](http://www.ShowChoirCanada.com) "Tickets"

In Person (day of): Queen Elizabeth Theatre

More information, including full schedule and adjudicator bios, can be found online at [www.ShowChoirCanada.com](http://www.ShowChoirCanada.com) or by calling 1-877-90GLEEK.

**About SHOW CHOIR CANADA:**

Show Choir Canada's mission is to play a vital role in the development and support of show choirs in Canada by creating opportunities, including live competition-format presentations, that inspire youth participants to not only work together through song and dance to achieve a common goal of excellence but also grown and develop as individuals while sharing in the creative process.

Since 2011, Show Choir Canada has given Canadian show choir students opportunities to perform in professional theatres, in front of enthusiastic audiences and expert adjudicators, with each competition featuring awards and prizes for top choirs and outstanding individual performers.

Show Choir Canada is presented by professionals in the performing arts industry; The Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts, which trains Canada's Triple Threat talent, and da Costa Talent Management, which represents some of Canada's leading actors, dancers, singers, and world-class choreographers.

For more information visit [www.showchoircanada.com](http://www.showchoircanada.com) or call 1-877-90GLEEK.

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