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## STAKES SET HIGHER THAN EVER AS SHOW CHOIR CANADA RETURNS FOR 2018

**Lives will be changed as the largest-ever amount of scholarship prizing to Toronto, New York City and Los Angeles post-secondary institutions worth up to \$250,000 will be awarded at international competition**

TORONTO, MARCH 29, 2018 – The 8<sup>th</sup> annual, highly anticipated international **Show Choir Canada Junior Championships** and **Show Choir Canada Championships** returns to Toronto, Friday April 6, 2018, and Saturday April 7, 2018 respectively, at the **Queen Elizabeth Theatre** to showcase the very best of the next generation of music and stage superstars from Ontario, Quebec and the United States.

In addition to bragging rights being named as Canada's top performers, lives will be changed as Show Choir Canada performers vie for sought-after individual post-secondary scholarships. The 2018 Championship will see the largest amount of scholarship prizing ever to be awarded in the Championship's near decade history, with a potential for more than **\$250,000** for top individual standout performers from two leading performing arts post-secondary institutions: **Randolph College For The Performing Arts** in Toronto and new Show Choir Canada prizing sponsor, the **American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA)**, based in New York City and Los Angeles.

2018's Championship competition will also see the re-design of competition divisions, as Show Choir Canada continues to draw international interest, creating a combined Arts/Community Groups/International category.

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 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 much-coveted and prestigious title of the best show choir in Canada.

Since 2011, Show Choir Canada has been responsible for:

- Hosting over 123 choirs competing on professional stages in Toronto
- Welcoming over 3,745 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 College for the Performing Arts (valued over \$30,000)

Open to choirs from around the world, this year's **Show Choir Canada Championships** will feature 14 of Canada's most impressive high-school and community based show choirs from Ontario and Quebec, as well as international performers from Burbank, USA. Competitors will include 4 new show choirs (from Ontario and Burbank, USA), who will be making their Show Choir Canada debut.

In addition to the high-school championships, **Show Choir Canada's Junior Championships** return for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual competition. In its largest competition to date, 8 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 prizes and scholarship opportunities, in the evening of April 6, 2018 at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. The 2018 Junior Championships will welcome the debut performances of 4 first-time Show Choir Canada school and community choirs (from North York and Toronto).

Both of Show Choir Canada's 2018 Championship events will be hosted by the star of the hit Disney Channel and The Family Channel TV show *Backstage*, **Josh Bogert** (Miles Lennox). The recording artist has recently released a new single "Blink" in March, available on iTunes, Spotify and Google Play.

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 2018 Show Choir Canada welcomes judges **Tracey Flye** (Canada), **Christian Fletcher** (USA), **Louisa Burgess-Corbett** (Canada) and **Anthony Bastianon** (Canada).

Founded by **George Randolph** (Randolph College for the Performing Arts), who retired from Show Choir Canada in early 2018 and **Peter da Costa** (da Costa Talent Management / Podium Concert Productions), 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.*"

### 2018 SHOW CHOIR CANADA

Queen Elizabeth Theatre, 190 Princes' Blvd, Toronto

**Show Choir Canada 2018 Junior Championships:** April 6, 2018

4PM – 8PM, Doors open 3:30PM

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

**Show Choir Canada 2018 Championships:** April 7, 2018

9:30AM – 10PM, Doors open 9AM, 1PM, 5:30PM and 8:30PM

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

**To order Tickets for Show Choir Canada 2018 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 produced by professionals in the performing arts industry; The Randolph College 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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