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BRINDABELLA CHORUS WINS OPEN CHORAL CHALLENGE

Canberra's Brindabella Chorus won the Australian Open Choral Challenge in the Australian National Eisteddfod in Llewellyn Hall on Saturday 19 August.

The acapella choir of 50 women, won the Challenge with five contrasting pieces, culminating in a stirring performance of *Viva Las Vegas*. They will be travelling to Las Vegas in a few weeks to participate in an international competition. Concordis Chamber Choir from Melbourne placed second in the Challenge, and ANU Vocal Fry third.



*Brindabella Chorus, celebrating after winning the Australian Open Choral Challenge
Photo by Peter Hislop*

Vocalocity from Leura won the Open Choral Group section (for choirs with up to 15 members), with Melbourne's Perfect Sixth second and Debacle Quartet third.

The ACT Primary Concert Choir won the 12 Years and Under Championship, and Reddam House Middle School Singers from Sydney the 20 Years and Under Championship.

Concordis Chamber Choir from Melbourne won the Open Choral and Australia-Britain Choirs sections, while Hillcrest Christian College Bella Voce from Brisbane won the Open Contemporary Choirs. ANU Vocal Fry and UMQ were joint winners of the Open Popular Choirs, and Radford College Camerata won the ACT 20 Years and Under Choirs section.

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In the School aged sections, where schools are awarded on merit in a non-competitive environment, Canberra Girls Grammar School Bella Voce Chapel Choir and Radford College Chorale were both given Platinum awards for outstanding performances.

Adjudicator Sharon Batterham was highly impressed by both the level of performance throughout and repertoire chosen. The very high standard of singing by all choirs made her job difficult, yet extremely enjoyable because of the majestic music being performed. There was a wide range of repertoire and genres presented, and the conductors had, most certainly, taken great care to choose appropriate songs that suited their choir well.

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FULL RESULTS – 2017 CHOIRS EISTEDDFOD

Australian Open Choral Challenge

- 1st Place: Brindabella Chorus
- 2nd Place: Concordis Chamber Choir
- 3rd Place: ANU Vocal Fry

Open Choral Group (up to 15 members)

- 1st Place: Vocalocity
- 2nd Place: Perfect Sixth
- 3rd Place: Debacle Quartet

20 Years and Under Championship

- 1st Place: Reddam House Middle School Singers
- 2nd Place: Hillcrest Christian College Bella Voce
- 3rd Place: ACT Senior Concert Choir
- Highly Commended: Vocalocity

12 Years and Under Championship

- 1st Place: ACT Primary Concert Choir
- 2nd Place: Canberra Girls Grammar School Cantates
- 3rd Place: Turner Trebles

ACT 20 Years and Under Choirs

- 1st Place: Radford College Camerata
- 2nd Place: ANU Vocal Fry

Open Sacred Choirs

- 1st Place: Concordis Chamber Choir
- 2nd Place: ANU Chamber Choir
- 3rd Place: Daramalan College Choir

Open Popular Choirs

- 1st Place: ANU Vocal Fry and UMQ (tied)
- 3rd Place: Andante Andante

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Open Contemporary Choirs

1st Place: Hillcrest Christian College Bella Voce
2nd Place: Concordis Chamber Choir
3rd Place: Canberra Girls Grammar School Gabriel Singers
Highly Commended: Daramalan College Choir

Open Australia-Britain Choirs

1st Place: Concordis Chamber Choir
2nd Place: The Harmonic Means

Primary School Age Choirs (10 Years and Under)

Canberra Grammar Junior School Singers – Silver award
Canberra Girls Grammar School Les Petites Chantuses – Bronze award
The Anglican School Googong Choir – Gold award

Primary School Age Choirs (12 Years and Under)

Canberra Grammar Junior School Chorale – Gold award
Canberra Girls Grammar School Cora da Camera – Silver award
ACT Primary Concert Choir – Silver award
Jerrabomberra Singers - Silver award

High School Age Choirs (Years 7-10)

Gold Creek School Singing Squadron – Bronze award
Canberra Girls Grammar School Bella Voce Chapel Choir – Platinum award
Merici College Choir – Silver award
Lyneham High Voices – Gold award

High School/College Age Choirs (Years 7-12)

Radford College Chorale – Platinum award
Canberra Girls Grammar School Chorale – Gold award
ACT Senior Concert Choir – Silver award
Daramalan College Choir – Silver award
St Edmunds' College Vocal Group – Bronze award

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