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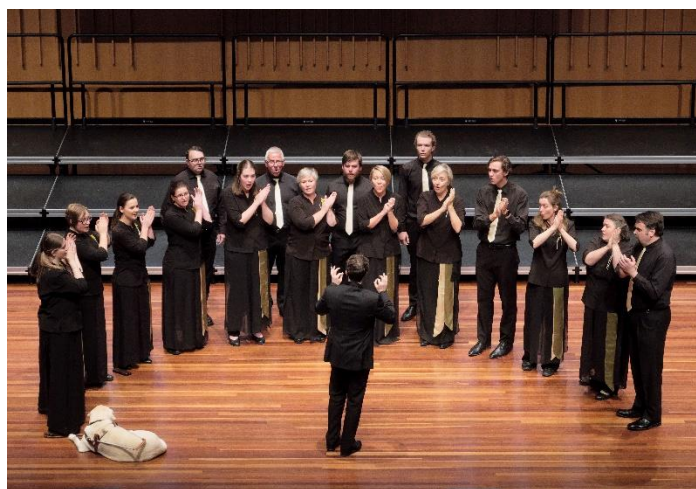
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Over 50 choirs present outstanding choral programme

Over 50 school and community choirs from Canberra, Newcastle, Sydney and Goulburn came together to present outstanding choral music in the Australian National Eisteddfod on August 17-18.

In the competitive Open age (adult) sections the University of Newcastle's Echology Choir achieved a rare feat. The chamber choir of 18 members sang beautifully to win all five Open Age sections they entered, including the Australian Open Choral Challenge. Led by Benjamin Lambert they performed a total of 11 pieces, ranging in style from sacred to contemporary and popular. The group won a total of \$4,000 prizemoney, including \$500 in vouchers to buy music or equipment from Better Music. They also won the Open Sacred, Contemporary, Popular and Australia Britain sections. This was a remarkable achievement, particularly as they funded entry fees themselves.



*University of Newcastle's Echology Chamber Choir, performing in the Australian Open Choral Challenge.
Photo by Peter Hislop*

Two Canberra groups, Brindabella Chorus and ANU Vocal Fry, were placed equal second in the Australian Open Choral Challenge.

Canberra's Debauch Quartet won the Open Choral Group section (for choirs with up to 15 members).

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Barker College Copeland Choir and Reddam House Middle School Singers, both from Sydney, won the 12 Years and Under and 20 Years and Under Championships respectively.

In the School aged sections, where schools are awarded on merit in a non-competitive environment, Canberra Girls Grammar School Les Petites Chanteuses, Barker College Copeland Choir and Canberra Grammar School Chorale were all given Platinum awards for outstanding performances. Other award distribution: 7 gold, 10 silver, 2 bronze.

Adjudicator Jenny Mathers, a choral expert from Melbourne, was highly impressed by both the level of performance throughout and repertoire chosen. "What was clear to me was that Canberra has a flourishing music and choral scene, with passionate teachers and Directors very evident. All choirs gave joy to the audience and were extremely polished in so many aspects of their performances." The feedback she provided groups will help foster their continued development.



Other entrants in the Australian Open Choral Challenge who tied for second place – Brindabella Chorus and ANU Vocal Fry. Photos: Peter Hislop.

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FULL RESULTS – 2018 CHOIRS EISTEDDFOD

Australian Open Choral Challenge

1st Place: Echology (University of Newcastle Chamber Choir)

2nd Place: Brindabella Chorus and ANU Vocal Fry

Open Choral Group (up to 15 members)

1st Place: Debacle Quartet

2nd Place: ANU Chamber Choir

3rd Place: Lady's Mantle

20 Years and Under Championship

1st Place: Reddam House Middle School Singers

2nd Place: ACT Senior Concert Choir

3rd Place: ANU Vocal Fry

12 Years and Under Championship

1st Place: Barker College Copeland Choir

2nd Place: Canberra Grammar School Chorale

3rd Place: ACT Primary Concert Choir

Open Sacred Choirs

1st Place: Echology (University of Newcastle Chamber Choir)

2nd Place: Strange Weather Gospel Choir

3rd Place: Woden Valley Youth Choir Australis Voices

Open Contemporary Choirs

1st Place: Echology (University of Newcastle Chamber Choir)

2nd Place: Woden Valley Youth Choir Australis Voices

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Open Popular Choirs

1st Place: Echology (University of Newcastle Chamber Choir)

2nd Place: UMQ

3rd Place: Strange Weather Gospel Choir

Highly Commended: Daramalan College Choir, Woden Valley Youth Choir Australis Voices

Open Australia-Britain Choirs

1st Place: Echology (University of Newcastle Chamber Choir)

2nd Place: The Harmonic Means

Primary School Age Choirs (8 Years and Under)

The Anglican School Googong Infant Choir - Gold award

Primary School Age Choirs (10 Years and Under)

Canberra Girls Grammar School Les Petites Chanteuses – Platinum award

Canberra Grammar Junior School Singers – Silver award

Queanbeyan Public School Intermediate Choir – Gold award

Red Hill School – Silver award

Primary School Age Choirs (12 Years and Under)

Barker College Copeland Choir – Platinum award

Trinity Christian School Junior Choir – Silver award

Canberra Grammar Junior School Chorale – Platinum award

The Anglican School Googong Junior Choir: Silver award

Canberra Girls Grammar School Cantates – Gold award

Queanbeyan Public School Senior Choir – Silver award

Neville Bonner Primary School Choir – Silver award

ACT Primary Concert Choir – Gold award

High School Age Choirs (Years 7-10)

Canberra Girls Grammar School Bella Voca Chapel Choir – Gold award

Gold Creek School Singing Squadron – Bronze award

Lyneham High Voices – Bronze award

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

Merici College Choir – Silver award

Daramalan College Choir – Silver award

Trinity Christian College Singers – Silver award

ACT Senior Concert Choir – Gold award

Canberra Girls Grammar School Chorale – Gold award

MET School Goulburn Choir – Silver award

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