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AUS-ACA BRINGS PITCH PERFECT ALIVE ACROSS THE COUNTRY

MELBOURNE, VIC —As a cappella grows on the international stage with major motion pictures such as <u>Pitch Perfect</u>, and TV shows like <u>Glee</u> and <u>The Sing Off</u>, a cappella is going national in Australia with the first ever live <u>AUS-ACA</u>: <u>National A Cappella Championship</u>. Produced by <u>Vocal Australia</u>, the AUS-ACA National Finals will be held on Saturday 6 September, 2014 at 3pm (Schools Final) and 7pm (University / League Final) at Ormond Hall, Village Melbourne.

"Pitch Perfect has opened the door for a cappella in Australia. Singers and audiences around the nation have renewed excitement by what is possible with just the human voice and a few mates. With new a cappella groups constantly forming, the timing is perfect for a National A Cappella Championship. Audiences should get ready to lift their jaws off the ground when they realise that everything is live and the singers are making music with just their mouths!" says Vocal Australia Co-Founder and Director, Amelia Alder.

The National Finals will feature 7 School groups: The Beckitt Brothers (VIC – Mackillop Catholic College), MGC Show Choir (VIC – Melbourne Girls' College), Centenary Vocal Ensemble (QLD – Centenary State High School), The Grammarphones (QLD – Toowoomba Grammar School), OC Chamber Singers (QLD – Ormiston College), SHE (VIC – Shelford Girls Grammar School) and Zest! (VIC – Ivanhoe Grammar School).

There are 8 groups competing in the University/League division: Co-cheòl (VIC), Festival Statesmen Youth Chorus (SA), Now In Stereo (SA), Serotonin (QLD), Sista! Quartet (NSW), Switch (VIC), Sydney Vocal Project (NSW) and Trinity Tiger Tones (VIC).

These talented groups will perform a 10-12 minute, entirely a cappella set that will be <u>judged by international a cappella experts</u> Mark Hines (USA), Philip Tesoro (USA), Annabelle Tunley (AUS), Zerafina Zara (AUS) and Miriam Crellin (AUS).

"I'm very excited to connect with the Australian a cappella scene!" says Hines. "I am honored and thrilled to judge such a progressive competition in its inaugural year, and I look forward to working with groups from all over the continent!"

"Switch is very excited to have made it through to the National Finals of Vocal Australia's AUS-ACA. We are proud to be competing alongside some amazing groups from around the country," says competitor Luke Stevenson. "Contemporary a cappella is on the up and up and Switch can't wait to show everyone what we can do."

Tickets are available online through www.vocalaustralia.com (\$30/\$22.50/\$15).

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AUS-ACA: National A Cappella Championship National Finals Saturday 6 September, 2014 at 3pm (Schools) and 7pm (University / League) Ormond Hall, Village Melbourne

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