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VOICES AT VICTORY
SWEET ADELINES NEW ZEALAND
TĀMAKI MAKAURAU | AUCKLAND
11-14 MAY 2023

Kia ora tatou!

I am so very pleased to send this first newsletter for the 2023 Region 35 National Convention – Voices at Victory! Voices at Victory will take place in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland from 11-14 May 2023 at Victory Convention Centre.

If you have forgotten what a normal convention comprises (it has been a long time!) it looks roughly like this:

- **Thursday 11 May** – Set up, briefings & soundcheck
- **Friday 12 May** – Quartet contest
- **Saturday 13 May** – Chorus contest
- **Sunday 14 May** – Education classes

The steering committee is proposing that the soundcheck takes place in the evening of Thursday 11 May to allow more flexibility for members to travel to Auckland.

OFFICIAL PANEL

I am delighted to be able to reveal our official panel for Voices at Victory:

- Vickie Maybury – Panel Chair; Expression Judge
- Beth Smith – Sound Judge
- Tori Postma – Visual Communication Judge
- Carolyn Schmidt – Music Judge
- Cindy Naresh – Panel Secretary

CONVENTION OFFICIALS

Not everyone is in place yet, so I will let you know in my monthly newsletter when we confirm people into official roles. This year we have not one, but two Chairs of the Regional Convention (CRC)! Kerry Stewart (Christchurch City Chorus) and I, Jacqui Binnie (Faultline Chorus), are sharing the role and are acting as Co-CRCs.

EMCEES

The emcees at Harmony Aotearoa in 2021 were fantastic, and using a team to cover all three days worked so well that we have decided to use the same arrangement for Voices at Victory. If you think you might like to be one of the emcees, start practicing and email your interest (**convention@sweetadelines.co.nz**).

I am putting together a practice script for use in a recorded audition and will send it through to you.
Please note your interest **by Wednesday 30 November**.

STAR CHORUS

The 2023 STAR chorus will be directed by Kate Sinclair of Waikato Rivertones. The songs this year will be “Mack the Knife” and “Somewhere Only We Know”. STAR is open to non-competing Sweet Adelines NZ members and those whose chorus or quartet is evaluating. Details of how to join will be shared in a later newsletter.

EVALUATION OPTION

Whilst we are not offering a Performance category this year as this is a formal Sweet Adelines event, quartets who want to have a go are invited to evaluate. This means they will receive feedback from the judging panel, which will be given only to them and not shared publicly.

HOTELS

The following hotels are located within 1.5km of Victory Convention Centre. It is up to individual choruses to contact hotels for prices and to arrange accommodation for their members.

Albion Hotel	119 Hobson St
Auckland City Hotel	157 Hobson Street
Barclay Suites	206 Victoria Street
City Life	171 Queen St
Crown Plaza	128 Albert Street
Heritage Auckland	35 Hobson Street
Holiday Inn Express, Auckland City Centre	9 Wyndham Street
Hotel Grand Chancellor	1 Hobson Street
Hotel The Sebel, Viaduct	85-89 Customs Street West
Ibis Budget	23 Wyndham Street
Marsden Viaducts Hotel	21 Viaduct Harbour Avenue
Ohtel Auckland	32 Market Street
President Hotel	27-35 Victoria Street
Quest on Beaumont	80 Beaumont Street
Quest on Hobson	127 Hobson Street
Quest on Queen	62 Queen Street
Ramada Suites Wyndam, Victoria St West	147 Victoria Street West
Rydges	59 Federal Street
Sky City Hotels	72 Victoria Street
Sofitel Viaduct	21 Viaduct Harbour Avenue
Stamford Plaza	22-26 Albert Street
Sudima Auckland City	63-67 Nelson Street
Swiss-Belsuites Victoria Park	Victoria Street West
The Sebel	8 Albert Street
Travellodge Wynyard Centre	110 Pakenham Street West

Finally a big thank you to all TCs and Quartet contacts who have indicated their intention to compete; it looks like we are going to have a great convention!

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