2023 Pan Pacific Barbershop Convention
Auckland NZ

14 - 17 September 2023

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PAN PAC 2023

Thursday 14 to Sunday 17 September 2023

Kia Ora / Hi Everyone,

Yay! We're back!

The main purpose of this newsletter is to give you the dates for Pan Pac 2023, so you can put them in your diary. Get planning – we would love to see you!

This is the first newsletter for Pan Pac 2023. I hope this newsletter and the series of newsletters to follow, will help you find your way through the maze of events, contests, social gatherings, venues, times, dates, who is coming, guests of honour (e.g. the Headline Act and the Judges, etc., etc.). This newsletter kicks off the communication cycle. We can't do everything at once, so watch this space!

In due course, the newsletters will be available through the Pan Pac 2023 Website.

Where is the Convention to be held?

In a global sense it will be held in Auckland, New Zealand, where the first Pan Pacific Barbershop Convention was held in 1994. The Host Chorus, acting on behalf of Barbershop Harmony New Zealand, is, as it was then, The City of Sails Barbershop Chorus Inc. (or "City of Sails" for short).



Auckland Central

More specifically, the contest will be held at the Victory Convention Centre, Auckland.



Venue Auditorium

Rather than give all the details of this venue here, we will refer you to their website for you to look it up at your leisure. See https://www.victoryconventioncentre.co.nz

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When is it?

Registration will open on the morning of Thursday 14 September 2023 and the contests will commence soon after. The final event will be the Farewell Brunch on Sunday 17 September 2023.

Who will be competing?

This convention presents the opportunity for Barbershop Harmony New Zealand (BNHZ) and Barbershop Harmony Australia (BHA) to stage their national contests for affiliated choruses and quartets. It also gives everyone in the Pan Pacific area, including BHNZ and BHA, the opportunity to compete in a Pan Pacific Barbershop Contest.

This will be an Everyone In Harmony event, meaning Men's Choruses and Quartets, Mixed Choruses and Quartets, and Women's Choruses and Quartets will be able to enter contests.

Who is coming?

Clearly this is about us. Everyone involved in Barbershop singing in the Pan Pacific area is warmly invited to attend.

Headline Act

Our Headline Act promises to be very special – but you will have to wait until the next newsletter to get the scoop. For now, we can tell you our guests will be International Champions from the USA.

The Pan Pac 2023 Website

A website is in development but will not be online until later this year.

The Logo

Although we have described the logo in earlier Pan Pac communications, we would like to take the opportunity to do so again.

- The circle is a symbol of inclusivity (e.g. all Pan Pac countries, all genders and all ages).
- The shape and colours represent the Pacific - blue for the Pacific Ocean and red for the Ring of Fire.
- The colours are the traditional barbershop colours of red, white, and blue.

Tourism Information for Overseas Visitors to NZ

We will place information about both Auckland and New Zealand on the Pan Pac2023 website in due course.

Accommodation

We will list accommodation possibilities on the Pan Pac 2023 website and in newsletters.

Associated events

1. New Zealand's "Young Singers in Harmony", mainly comprised of choruses and quartets (men, women and mixed) from secondary schools around NZ, will be holding their annual convention at the same venue as Pan Pac 2023 on Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 September 2023.

2. BHNZ and BHA intend to run a Judges School in Auckland prior to the Pan Pac 2023 convention.

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In the meantime

Barbershop Harmony New Zealand (BHNZ) has already held its National Convention for 2022. We enjoyed a full-on weekend in Palmerston North with our host chapter "The Manawatunes". This was our first "Everyone In Harmony" convention and we saw some fabulous performances.

We know that BHA has just held their Barbershop Harmony Festival in Hobart and look forward to hearing all about that event.



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Tena koutou katoa / Welcome, one and all

We are excited to welcome you to our city. What a wonderful opportunity to share barbershop friendships with folk from the Pacific Rim.

Nga mihi mahana / Warm regards,

Richard