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Chorus Rehearsal Schedule New Orleans

It will be a busy 9 days! See the draft rehearsal schedule on the web page, there is also a paper copy available.

Sunday night with A Cappella West Chorus

On Sunday night 15 September, in New Orleans, we will have a get-together with A Cappella West Chorus from Perth, who are representing Australia in the competition. Their three quartets will join us, and also the NZ quartets who are eligible. This will be an informal, relaxed fun night, where we perform our packages for each other. This will follow a weekend of focused rehearsals with Rasmus Krigstrom and Jan Alexandersson.

We decided not to have a formal show with A Cappella West, with ticket sales and costumes and make-up, but instead get together with our Australian friends for an enjoyable evening of singing to each other.

The whole chorus is expected to pay for tickets and attend the show that Ronninge Chorus and Stockholm City Voices Chorus will stage on Monday evening 16 September.

New Orleans Travelling Supporters Get Together

On Saturday 25th May, 4.30pm at the conclusion of our day's coaching we will have an informal get together for anyone interested to meet fellow New Orleans travellers. This is particularly useful for any supporters, new chorus members, OOTMs, in fact any chorus members. Virginia will be able to impart much knowledge and information and answer any questions you may have.

We will stay at the Cricket Centre, feel free to bring some drinks and nibbles.

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Hotel in New Orleans

We will be staying in the New Orleans Marriott, on 555 Canal St. The plan is to have our rehearsals in ball rooms at the Marriott, or in the other convention hotel, the Sheraton. We will enjoy a whole chorus meal, with our supporters, in the Marriott on the final night of the convention, Saturday 21 September.

Flights to New Orleans

For anyone who has not booked flights and needs some help, now would be a good time to contact your travel agent, book online yourself, or talk to Jan Mathieson about options. It still costs only $850 to fly Air NZ from Christchurch to Houston on 12 September, and about $900 to return after the convention. You'd have to book the Houston-New Orleans return flight separately, but it is an economical option.

Ground Transport New Orleans Airport to hotel

There are various modes of ground transport – Taxicabs, Airport Shuttle, Greyhound Bus etc. For details go to this link: http://www.flymsy.com/groundtransportation

New Orleans Rehearsal Top

To celebrate our wonderful achievement of representing New Zealand at New Orleans we have two logo designs! Many thanks to Brianna Perry of Raspbri Design for donating her time and expertise to this. We are very lucky to have such talent in our chorus.

The second design will be released in July in time for wearing to New Orleans. Very low cost at $5 for each print, plus purchase of own suitable black top (or if you own a near-new black top you are welcome to use that). **It is compulsory to have Design 2 for New Orleans**

Rehearsal Top Design 2 - drop off by Sunday 28 July, collection Sunday 18 August (can drop off June or July weekend)

- Please bring own plain black top, suitable for screen-printing, to chorus by due date
- Must be dark black, not faded, not too worn, suitable for large logo design
- Cotton knit material ideal
- The top must be clearly named for you to reclaim it once printed. Drop off top only - no plastic bags please. I will NOT be tracking these.
- $5 printing per top - do as many as you like!
- Write your name in notebook.

Health Team Message

Hi all, winter is just about here and with it will come the usual colds and flu. We need everyone to be on the risers during rehearsal to prepare for New Orleans so take measures to keep healthy. Fresh fruit and vegetables, vitamin supplements, antioxidants, regular rest and exercise are some of the strategies to adopt, (or continue), from now until we leave. If you have the opportunity to get a flu vaccination, either through work, your health centre or local pharmacy, take it.

Plan to stay well through winter y'all. *From Edna and the Health Team.*

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Estimated costs and due dates

Estimated costs to you of travelling to and attending the 2019 Sweet Adeline's International Convention

Note: due to the current low exchange rate for the NZD, prices are considerably higher when USD are converted. It is hard to predict whether this rate will persist into 2019.

Item	Due date	Price NZD
Convention Registration $225 USD	10 May	$345
Contribution to Chorus Shared Meals (lunches on competition days, dinners after competitions)	15 July 2019	$150
Air Travel – book your own, Christchurch to New Orleans return approximate price	From February 2019	$2,500
Cost $189USD per night for the room plus $15.2% tax plus $3 per person daily occupancy rate = about $340NZD per room per night. If two share a room the cost will be $1530 each for 9 nights, but this is subject to exchange rates. ***See the webpage for more about hotel room costs***	Deposit paid through your credit card. Final payment on checkout September 2019	$1,530
Ground Transport (personal travel, taxis, shuttles, airport to hotel) $50USD	September 2019	$80
Travel Insurance	From Feb 2019	$150
Food ($50 USD per day, 9 days, total $450USD)	September 2019	$700
TOTAL (Estimated)		$5,455

Contest songs for New Orleans

Semi-finals

1. May I Never Love Again
2. This Joint is Jumpin'

Manhattan Transfer Finals package

1. Manhattan Transfer / Our Group is High
2. A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square
3. Birdland
4. Twilight Tone
5. Trickle

Keeping your information secure

Thanks to those of you who supplied your credit card details for the hotel deposit payments. Most of you gave your credit cards to us directly, and not by email. The credit card numbers were then put into the secure Experient housing bureau webfile, who uploaded the details to the Marriott hotel billing system. The hotel billed the cardholder for one night's accommodation.

We have managed the hotel deposit process this way for the past 4 international conventions, and there have not been any security breaches. However, things can go wrong. Please keep an eye on your monthly credit card bill, and tell your bank if you are concerned about any unexpected charges.

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