Hello from your Wellington 2018 Convention team!

Convention 2018 is on the horizon! Thursday 3 May - Sunday 6 May 2018 in the fantastic Michael Fowler Centre, Wellington. Education classes on Sunday at the Intercontinental Hotel, Grey Street, Wellington.

The first edition of the wonderful online Convention Handbook is scheduled for early December. Once this is uploaded it will be updated at regular intervals so be sure to check in every so often to see what's been added.

Your Convention 2018 Committee is: Hilary Clifton, Events Coordinator; Leigh Whitelaw, Chair of the Regional Convention; Claire Takacs, Convention Coordinator; Maggie Trodahl, Official Panel Liaison and Jacqui Binnie, Host Chorus Liaison.

Official Panel: Lynda Keever, Music Judge (Panel Chair); Janie Macchiaroli, Sound Judge; Dale Syverson, Expression Judge; Anna Rosenberg, Showmanship Judge;

Education Classes will be given on the Sunday by Lynda Keever and Dale Syverson.

Dale's classes: Directing – Phrasing a Ballad and Designing a Dynamic Plan. Vocal – Wall of sound

Lynda's classes: Bringing Your Music To Life. How to use the arrangement, its structure, lyrics and embellishments to turn your music into an irresistible message for your audience. Learn how to make the most of your voice, how to show off your best skills and diminish those you haven't mastered yet. Take home some dos and don'ts for skillful presentation of your musical message, and put more joy into your performances.

Hotel discounts – the hotels listed below have offered discounts to convention attendees, please contact the hotels directly for information.

We look forward to seeing you in Wellington next year for another stunning event of song and celebration!

Until next time, Leigh.
Leigh Whitelaw
Chair of the Regional Convention 2018

West Plaza Hotel
Queen rooms only - $185 inc GST and breakfast, per room per night.
Contact Megan Bailey
Hotel Assistant Manager & Conference Sales
West Plaza Hotel
DDI: 04 474 3554
Fax: 04 473 1454
E-mail: assistantmanager@westplaza.co.nz

Intercontinental Wellington
Early bird (before 3 March 2018)
Standard guest rooms (twin or king subject to availability) - $239 per night, per room. Use this **weblink - Sweet Adelines**
Breakfast Chameleon Restaurant $25 per person
Cancellation fees: any rooms cancelled within 30 days prior to arrival will incur 100% cancellation penalties.
Complimentary tea, coffee or juice with morning wake-up calls and daily newspaper; onsite gym and indoor swimming pool.

The Setup Hotels - Dixon Hotel, Laneway Backpackers, Setup Manners, Liberty Apartment Hotel and Park Hotel. All close to each other and within walking distance to Michael Fowler Centre. 15% off best available rate for all Setup properties. Please choose the hotel and the dates you wish to book and click the weblink below. The link will lead to the reduced rate (15% off the Best Available Rate).

The Setup on Manners Self-contained Serviced Apartments
Booking link: http://deals.setupmanners.co.nz/SweetAdelines18
The Setup on Dixon Hostel
Booking link: http://deals.setupdixon.co.nz/SweetAdelines18
Liberty Apartment Hotel
Booking link: http://deals.libertyhotel.nz/SweetAdelines18
Laneway Backpackers:
Booking link: http://deals.stayatlaneway.nz/SweetAdelines18

Quest Wellington
Studio Apartments - $159 per night including GST
One bedroomed apartment - $181 per night including GST
One bedroomed apartment (twin) - $189 per night including GST
Two bedroomed apartment (2x queen, 1x queen & 2x single, 4x single) - $289 per night including GST
All rates include free wifi for your entire stay. Special continental breakfast deal $8
To book - reception@questwellington.co.nz or call 04 916 0700.

Rydges Hotel
10% off Best Rates
Group name: Sweet Adelines NZ
Arrival date: 2 May 2018
Departure date: 6 May 2018
Please contact Rydges Wellington directly on the below and quote Block Confirmation number: X-SANZ2018 when making the booking to receive 10% off the best available rate.

Contact: reservations_rydgeswellington@evt.com
Phone: +64 4 499 8686

CQ Comfort and Quality Hotels

Happy to offer your members discounted rates – our two hotels are side-by-side with one reception in the middle. The two hotels share the CQ Restaurant, Bar & Cafe, fitness centre, heated swimming pool & spa. Only a short 8 minute walk from the hotel to the Michael Fowler Centre.

We can offer your members rates as follows:
Comfort Double/King/Twin $126 per room, per night
Quality Twin Queen/Queen $191 per room, per night
Full buffet breakfast can be pre-booked for $20 per person, per day (usually $28).

To access these rates guests will need to contact our reservations team directly on 04 385 2156 or email info@cqwellington.com and quote: SWEETADELINES