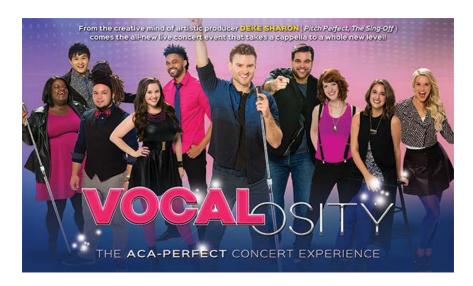


VOCALOSITY – THE ACA-PERFECT CONCERT EXPERIENCE Performing Live at Mesa Arts Center Nov. 18, 2016 Valley a capella groups could win opportunity to be opening act



Oct. 25, 2016 (Mesa, AZ) – Tickets are now on sale for VOCALOSTY – THE ACA PERFECT CONCERT EXPERIENCE playing at Mesa Arts Center on Nov. 18, 2016 at 8 p.m. The 10 vocalists that comprise the new all-star a cappella group are James C. Jones, Hannah Juliano, Kelli Koloszar, Cheeyang Ng, Nattalyee Randall, Tracy L.J. Robertson, Bryant Vance, Nicole Weiss, Amy Whitcomb and RJ Woessner. Tickets are available at mesaartscenter.com, at the Box Office or by calling 480-644-6500.

VOCALOSITY is the all-new live concert event from the creative mind of artistic producer **Deke Sharon** (*Pitch Perfect*, *The Sing-Off*) that takes a cappella to a whole new level! This fast-paced production features an all-star ensemble of diverse young vocalists singing some of today's chart-topping hits in brand-new arrangements that set a new standard for 10-part harmony.

A capella groups in the Valley are invited to compete for an opportunity to perform as the "opening act" for VOCALOSITY. To enter, contestants must submit a 1-2 minute video recording of their a cappella group performing any contemporary song and upload to YouTube. Email the YouTube link to: lnfo@VocalosityOnTour.com to be considered. The YouTube links will also be shared on the official VOCALOSITY YouTube channel. The creative team of VOCALOSITY will determine the winner, and the winning group will perform a maximum of 5 minutes that will serve as the "opening act" for VOCALOSITY, in addition to receiving comp tickets to the show. The deadline to enter is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

No genre of music is off limits in the world of a cappella and **VOCALOSITY** covers them all – from tenth century Gregorian chant and classical choral to barber shop quartet and bouncing

doo-wop all the way to an exploration of the current sound of a cappella with music from The Beatles, Bruno Mars and more. Combine that with direction and choreography from **Sean Curran** (*Stomp* original cast member) and you have an exhilarating evening of song unlike anything ever seen or heard, live on stage.

"Over the past few years, a cappella has grown from what was once considered a stuffy lvy League activity to a pop culture phenomenon beloved by people of all ages," says **Deke Sharon**, who serves as artistic director, music director and co-creator of the production. "**VOCALOSITY** is my dream team, an all-star ensemble of diverse young singers each with a unique style and personality. Most vocal groups aspire to create one sound and style, homogenizing the character of their singers, but this group is the exact opposite, weaving a variety of tapestries from different combinations of voices and characters."

Hailed as "the father of contemporary a cappella" by Entertainment Weekly, Sharon has served as on-site music director and vocal producer for the smash hit films *Pitch Perfect* and *Pitch Perfect* as well as vocal producer of NBC's *The Sing-Off*.

Mesa Arts Center is located at One East Main Street in downtown Mesa.

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The Mesa Arts Center mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible, and relevant. Owned and operated by the City of Mesa, Arizona's largest arts center is recognized as an international award-winning venue. The unique and architecturally stunning facility is home to four theaters, five art galleries, and 14 art studios and an artist cooperative gallery. For more information, visit mesaartscenter.com.