



Endeavour Harmony Chorus Inc has become well-known as Australia's premier female *a cappella* ensemble. Formed in 1996 with 25 members, the group now has 65 singers from throughout the Sydney area. They have won national accolades in choral singing including the prestigious Australasian Community Choir championships four times, and the chorus was thrilled to win the Australian Choral Grand Prix in 2017. Adjudicator Timothy Chung wrote in his report about the group, "*Amazing harmonies with perfect tuning. Superb a cappella.*"

The Chorus was excited to be chosen as a featured choir in the 2019 ABC Radio Sydney's 'Sing Out Sydney' event, held at the City Recital Hall.

Endeavour Harmony has also been a finalist in the ABC Classic FM Radio Choir of The Year and has taken out first place in the National Sweet Adelines competition at their last six attempts. They are the current national champions, having won the national contest in May 2023.

The Chorus loves to entertain audiences. Achieving beautifully blended harmonies, delivered with energy and excitement is their goal. All this is underpinned by striving for excellence in all they do.

In September 2017 the group was coached by Deke Sharon, music director and vocal producer for Universal's *Pitch Perfect* movie series. Deke was particularly impressed with the ensemble's responsiveness, saying "*Working with a group this good is like driving a Lamborghini!*"

Endeavour Harmony performs regularly around Sydney with a repertoire that includes a variety of songs from popular hits through to gospel, power ballads and rousing Australian favourites, all sung in close four-part harmony. The Chorus featured in the backing vocals of the original *Happy Feet* movie.

The Chorus rehearses each Tuesday evening at the Engadine Community Centre, in southern Sydney. The women who make up this dynamic ensemble come from all walks of life. Chorus membership includes teachers, scientists, nurses, doctors, a vet, corporate working women and stay-at-home mums. They share a passion for singing and a fun, supportive and inclusive environment.

Education in singing and performance is an important part of chorus life. Musical Directors Lea Baker and Karen Ramirez provide vocal instruction each week at rehearsal, along with international coaches brought in throughout the year.

As National Champions, the chorus has travelled overseas to represent Australia five times, most recently in St Louis, Missouri in October 2018. Covid restrictions meant *Zoom* rehearsals were the norm for much of 2020 & 2021, but they still managed to learn several new songs and take in eleven new members during that period. The chorus will be heading to Kansas City in late October 2024, to represent Australia on the International Stage.