



Fact Sheet

Established: August 1996, Sydney – Australia

Directors

Lea Baker

- Founder and Musical/Artistic Director
- Qualifications: Master Of Fine Arts – Voice (NIDA), Master Director, Voice coach, Singing teacher, member of both the Regional and International Faculties of Sweet Adelines International. 25+ years' experience with *a cappella* singing.
- Personal Goal for Chorus: “Provide a rehearsal experience like no other”

Karen Ramirez

- Musical Director
 - Qualifications: AMEB 8th grade and 6th grade musicianship. Certified Musical Director. Voice coach, singing teacher. 20+ years' experience in music and singing.
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Chorus Mission:

As a world-class chorus dedicated to musical excellence we entertain, connect and change lives through barbershop harmony and *a cappella* music.

Chorus Vision:

To inspire the love of singing in each other and our communities while creating opportunities to learn, grow and achieve.

The chorus is a registered not-for-profit incorporated group, incorporated with tax deductible status.

Current Membership:

- 65 singers
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Membership facts:

- Females and those who identify as females aged from 15 to 70+ years.
 - Members are auditioned and come from all parts of Sydney, but mainly the Sutherland Shire, St George LGA and as far as Hornsby and Wollongong.
 - Encourage diversity and inclusiveness
 - Individual backgrounds include teachers, doctors, vets, scientists, corporate workers and stay-at-home mums.
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Awards

Sweet Adelines Australia (Region 34)

Australian champion chorus 2006, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2017, 2019, 2023.

Sweet Adelines International Competition

- October 2018, St Louis – 17th place world-wide.
- October 2015, Las Vegas – 10th place world-wide.
- November 2013, Hawaii – 13th place world-wide.
- October 2010, Seattle – 15th place world-wide.
- October 2007, Calgary – 27th place world-wide.

Sydney Eisteddfod

- 3rd Place Australian Show Choir and Community Choir – 2022
- Australian Show Choir finalist – 2018 and 2019
- John Lamble Australasian Choral Championships. 1st place 2016, 2017
- Australian Choral Grand Prix. 1st place Jury Vote, 2016, 2017

Recent Performances:

- Festival of Care – St George Hospital and Sutherland Hospital – May 2023
- ‘Endeavour Unmasked’ Show – Engadine Community Centre Auditorium – September 2022
- Blackheath Choral Festival – August 2022
- Fred Hollows Foundation 30th Anniversary – Sydney Town Hall – August 2022
- City of Sydney Christmas performances, Sydney CBD
- ABC Radio Sydney’s ‘Sing Out Sydney’ event – featured choir Sydney Recital Hall – 2019
- Australian Choral Grand Prix – Sydney Grammar School
- Australasian Choral Championships – Sydney Grammar School
- Channel 7 – Today Show
- Confluence – Festival of India, Sydney Opera House
- ‘Endeavour Goes Platinum’ Show – Sutherland Entertainment Centre
- Netball NSW Swifts Vs Vixens game All Phones Arena – Half-time entertainment
- Barbershop Harmony Australia Showcase of Champions
- Australia Day Celebrations (Carss Park)
- Qantas Community Grants Awards Evening
- Sydney Choir Expo
- Singleton Music Festival

Style of Music:

Close 4-part harmony *a cappella* (unaccompanied). Energetic, entertainment-driven with fabulous stage costumes.

Style of Songs

Funky pop, power ballads, gospel, Australian, show tunes.

Recordings

‘Endeavour Goes Platinum’ – 2016

‘As Long As We’re Singing’ – 2013

‘Sound Celebration’ – 2007

‘Endeavour Entertains’ – 2005

‘Endeavour Sings The Best Of Christmas’ – 2004

Rehearsals:

Tuesday evenings 7 pm to 10 pm

Engadine Community Centre. 1034 – 1036 Old Princes Highway, Engadine.

Website: <https://www.endeavourharmony.org.au>