

Kia ora koutou,

Still time to register at full price

I would like to give a big shout out to the hundreds of singers who managed to register for the convention at early bird prices. In particular, I'd like to single out the efforts of chorus managers as I know from experience how difficult it is to wrangle people into making the decision to come. You've done a great job.

As ever we were kept busy right up to the 20 August deadline. The result has been fantastic so far, with 12 choruses and 20 quartets registered and ready to go, comprising 430 people. I really hope there will be more to come.

Your enthusiastic response has reassured us that we're building a real head of steam towards a great convention in September. For those of you who couldn't register for the early bird prices, don't worry. Registration remains open at full standard prices until 10 September. I strongly urge you to join us.

Finally, we've included the next draft of the convention programme in this newsletter which includes several changes and the location of the post-convention lunch. We don't expect many further changes but if we do have to amend it we'll let you know as soon as possible.

Ngā mihi

Antony Currington
Chair, Host Management Committee, Sing Wellington



Registration costs

Packages available	Standard – to 31 Aug.
BHNZ Member - full registration, BHNZ ID needed.	NZ\$450
BHNZ Partner and non-competitor – for non-competitors	NZ\$180
BHNZ Youth Member - 25 or under on competition date. BHNZ ID needed.	NZ\$270

We Need Your Help...



... to sell tickets to the show and contest sessions. All sessions are General Admission, meaning you can sit with your friends and family.

Better still – the Friday contest ticket is a ‘Day Pass’, meaning if your friends buy a ticket, they can attend both of the Quartet semi-final sessions during the day, and the Quartet Finals contest session in the evening for just \$10 (plus Ticketmaster fees). The deal of the century!

How can you help us?

- Know someone in Wellington who might like to attend? Send them to the website to buy a ticket!
- Have family in Wellington? Buy them a ticket and get them to come experience your ‘hobby’ first hand
- On social media? Invite your friends to the Facebook event for the show: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1356366745322497>
- Keep sharing the Instagram posts!

Tickets are available NOW via the Ticketmaster website: <https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz/sing-wellington-tickets/artist/3195348>

We know there will be interest in the Saturday evening show, which will feature

- The Overall Top 3 Choruses from the Chorus Contest
- The Overall Top 3 Quartets from the Quartet Contest
- Signature Quartet

It’s going to be a show to remember!

Quartet Contest Draw



Appearance Order BHNZ Nationals 2024 All Quartets Competition, Round 1 : Semi Finals

Order	Ensemble Name	Contests	Report	On Stage
Session Nbr 1 - 27 Sep 2024, 10:50				
1	The Basic Pitches	Open, Mens	10:42	11:05
2	Smile and wave	Open, Mens	10:52	11:15
3	Young at Heart	Open, Mens, Senior	11:02	11:25
4	Phase 4	Open, Mens, Senior	11:12	11:35
5	Outrageous Four Tunes	Open, Mixed, Novice	11:22	11:45
6	Promenade	Open, Mens	11:32	11:55
7	Quattro Quartet	Open, Womens	11:42	12:05
8	Double Bass	Open, Mens	11:52	12:15
9	Looney Tunes	Open, Mixed	12:02	12:25
10	Nor' Westers	Open, Mens	12:12	12:35
Session Nbr 2 - 27 Sep 2024, 13:15				
11	Unlimited	Open, Womens	12:52	13:15
12	Heist	Open, Mens	13:02	13:25
13	Zest	Open, Womens, Novice	13:12	13:35
14	5th Melody	Open, Mixed	13:22	13:45
15	Q4	Open, Senior	13:32	13:55
16	The Remarkables	Open, Mens	13:42	14:05
17	Bring On The Pterodactyls!	Open, Mens	13:52	14:15
18	The Note-ifications	Open, Mixed, Novice	14:02	14:25
19	Kokotaua	Open, Mens, Novice	14:12	14:35
20	Euphoria	Open, Womens	14:22	14:45



Chorus Contest Draw



Appearance Order BHNZ Nationals 2024

All Choruses Competition, Round 1 : Round 1

Order	Ensemble Name	Contests	Report	On Stage
Session Nbr 1 - 28 Sep 2024, 10:00				
1	Harbour Capital Chorus	Open, Mens	09:34	10:05
2	The Plainsmen	Open, Mens, Small Chapter	09:44	10:15
3	City of Sails Chorus	Open, Mens	09:54	10:25
4	Mighty River Harmony	Open, Mens	10:04	10:35
5	Capital Harmony Chorus	Open, Womens, Small Chapter	10:14	10:45
6	Marlborough Sounds	Open, Mixed, Small Chapter	10:24	10:55
Session Nbr 2 - 28 Sep 2024, 11:25				
7	Manawatunes	Open, Mens, Small Chapter	10:54	11:25
8	Beachside Harmony	Open, Mixed	11:04	11:35
9	Waikato Rivertones Chorus	Open, Womens	11:14	11:45
10	Quantum Acoustics	Open, Mixed	11:24	11:55
11	Manu Matatahi	Open, Mixed	11:34	12:05
12	Pacific Connection	Open, Mixed	11:44	12:15

Join us at the James Cook

Why not round off the convention weekend in style with a slap-up lunch at Wellington's iconic James Cook Hotel? For just \$50 you'll get a buffet style lunch with a good range of choices including vegetarian and gluten free options and dessert. You'll dine in the very smart Conference Centre on the 16th floor of the hotel. The bar will be open. Numbers are limited so be in quick. Place your orders through the website or the link below to make sure you sign off in style.

Lunch booking: <https://convention.barbershopharmony.nz/extras>



Updated Convention programme

An updated programme for the weekend is below. This is “almost final”... from now, there will be a few minor changes to fit in evals etc, but we’re not expecting a huge number of changes.

One change to note: The Chorus Contest now starts at 10am on the Saturday, not 11am as previously advertised. This is to allow for more time for evals.

Friday 27 September 2024		
Time	Activity	Location
9:00am	Registration opens	St James Theatre – upstairs foyer
10:00am	Opening welcome	St James Theatre
11:00am-12:30pm	Quartet contest session 1	St James Theatre
Lunch		
2:00-3:15pm	Quartet contest session 2	St James Theatre
3:30-3:45pm	Announce finalists	St James Theatre
Break		
4:15-5:30pm	Quartet evals – non-finalists	St James Theatre – backstage rooms
Dinner		
7:30pm	Quartet finals	St James Theatre
9:15pm	Swan Song Set – The Usual Suspects	St James Theatre
9:25pm	Medal presentation	St James Theatre
9:45pm	Afterglow	St James Theatre – upstairs foyer
Saturday 28 September 2024		
Time	Activity	Location
08:30am	Registration Desk opens	St James Theatre – upstairs foyer
10:00-11:00am	Chorus contest -session 1	St James Theatre
Break		
11:30-12:30pm	Chorus contest- session 2	St James Theatre
12:30-12:40pm	Swan Song Set – Vocal FX	St James Theatre
12:40-12:50pm	Special Performance	St James Theatre
12:50-1:00pm	BHNZ Member Recognition	St James Theatre



1:00pm-1:20pm	Medal presentations	St James Theatre
Lunch		
2:15-3:30pm	Chorus evals	St James Theatre - upstairs foyer
Break		
4:00-5:10pm	Quartet evals – finalists	St James Theatre – backstage rooms
4:00-4:30pm	Sing With the Champions	St James Theatre – upstairs foyer
6.00-7:00pm	BHNZ Presidents meeting	St James Theatre – Green Room
Dinner		
7:30pm	“That Signature Sound” show	St James Theatre
10:00-12:00pm	Afterglow	St James Theatre – foyers
Sunday 29 September 2024		
Time	Activity	Location
10:00-10:45am	Mass Sing	Under the sails at Queens Wharf
11:00-12:00pm	BHNZ AGM	James Cook Grand Chancellor, Level 16
12:00-2:00pm	Closing lunch	James Cook Grand Chancellor, Level 16

Getting around in Wellington

There’s a lot to see and do in Wellington other than barbershopping so while you are here you may want to get out and about and see the sights. Public transport from Wellington Airport and around town is very well developed, of course the city abounds with taxi cabs and Uber services. However, it’s not a particularly car friendly city and parking spaces are at a premium. To make the best out of your time here check out our comprehensive transport guide which you can find at <https://convention.barbershopharmony.nz/transport>

Mass Sing in spectacular location

What a way to bring your convention to an end! The Mass Sing will take place under the sails on Wellington's spectacular waterfront Queens Wharf. Come along rain or shine to give us all a rousing send off. Timing: 10-10:45am on Sunday, right before the AGM a short walk away.



What to do in Wellington

There is a ton of things to do in the capital city – whether you are into arts, culture, eating and drinking, shopping or strolling around Wellington’s beautiful waterfront, Parliament precinct or the botanical gardens, there is something for everyone. Here are a few sites you should investigate to find out what’s going on in the city:

<https://www.wellingtonnz.com/>
[Wellington | 100% Pure New Zealand](#)
[Wellington, New Zealand: All You Need to Know Before ...](#)



Stay in touch!

Want to know more about convention as the information comes out?

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/barbershopharmonynz>

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