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Endeavour Harmony Chorus wins the Australian Choral Grand Prix!

Fresh from their win at the John Lamble Australasian choral Championships in June this year, the Endeavour Harmony Chorus have secured their place as the number one choir in Australia after winning this year's Australian Choral Grand Prix. The Grand Prix was held on Sunday 21 August, at Sydney Grammar School. There were eight choirs invited to compete and each were required to perform a 12 minute package of songs for the two judges and a packaged auditorium. Endeavour Harmony performed a cappella arrangements of Fix You (Chris Martin/Guy Berryman), Sway (Pablo Beltran Ruiz) and Somebody to Love (Queen). This prestigious event included some of Australia's top choirs, including Sydney Vocal Project, Fort Street High School Chamber Choir, Presbyterian Ladies College Chamber Choir and the Shine Chorus. More than \$20,000 in prize money was distributed among the eight finalists, including \$4000 for the first place audience choice award (won by Fort Street High School Chamber Choir) and \$4000 for the overall winner. *"The standard was very high this year, we are thrilled to have won!. The prize money will be very handy too, as we head to the national competition in Perth next May"* Musical Director Lea Baker said. The compere for the event was Andrew O'Keefe (Deal or No Deal and Weekend Sunrise).

The chorus is presenting a 20th anniversary show at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre on Sunday 9 October at 2pm. Tickets from the Sutherland Entertainment Centre.

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Information about the Australian Choral Grand Prix: Link

First presented to audiences back in 2013, the Australian Choral Grand Prix is one of the most diverse and engaging events held annually by Sydney Eisteddfod.

Hosted this year by the talented presenter Andrew O'Keefe, audiences can delight in this amazing showcase of some of Australia's best choral performers, as choirs compete for top honours in both the People's Choice and Jury Vote categories.

Sydney Eisteddfod and the Rotary Club of Sydney Cove present an event with outstanding

choristers selected from the Youth and Open categories of The John Lamble Foundation Australasian Choral Championships in June, who now compete for a total prize pool that exceeds \$20,000.

Finalists will present a program that includes a work by an Australian composer or arranger. All Finalists are strongly encouraged to give thought to choralography and entertainment aspects in their chosen program.

The Fort Street High School Chamber Choir were the undisputed victors last year winning both the Jury Vote and the People's Choice awards. The choir also won in 2014. Each finalist received \$1000 and the total prize pool of \$20,000 was allocated to Audience Choice awards (1st, 2nd and 3rd) and main 'Jury Vote' prize decided by the judges.

The Chorus celebrating after their win (Photo courtesy of Melanie Alyson)



The chorus performing in the semi-finals, Las Vegas 2015 (Photo courtesy of Read Photography)



Daily Mail article July 2015: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-3143378/A-scientist-doctor-firefighter-Three-diverse-women-come-love-music-Happy-Feet-film-soundtrack.html>

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