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Endeavour Harmony Chorus wins the 2016 JOHN LAMBLE FOUNDATION AUSTRALASIAN OPEN CHORAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Endeavour Harmony Chorus from Caringbah captured the hearts and minds of both the judges and the audience on Sunday evening with a technically excellent performance delivered with real emotion and soul, which showed the sheer joy of performing.

The prestigious final of the John Lamble Foundation Australasian Open Choral Championships were held at the New Hall, Sydney Grammar School on Sunday 19th June. Ten choirs were selected from the Sydney Eisteddfod Choir Heats, held two weeks before. Each finalist presented a 15 minute package of songs for the adjudicators, Timothy Chung and Stephen Leek and a packed auditorium.

"For those of us in the audience there was no doubt that this smaller than usual group gave an almost flawless performance. It was contrasting, engaging, believable and an extremely consistent, high level four song package". Jim Catt, Musical Director of the Sydney Vocal Project.

"We are thrilled to have won especially with so many excellent choirs in the finals, some of which have won this event in previous years" Said Lea Baker, Musical Director

Adjudicator Timothy Chung wrote in his report about the chorus. *"Amazing harmonies with perfect tuning. Superb a cappella"*

The group sang in four-part unaccompanied harmony - Sway (by Pablo Ruiz and Norman Gimbel), All the Way (James van Huesen and Sammy Cahn), Fix You (Chris Martin and Guy Berryman) and My Island Home (Neil Murray).

The \$5000 prize money comes in very handy as the group prepares to travel to Perth in May 2017 to compete in the National Sweet Adelines competition.

2nd place was Shine Chorus (Canada Bay) and 3rd was Sydney Vocal Project (Camperdown).

The Endeavour Harmony Chorus has an open night for potential new members on Tuesday, 19th July in Caringbah. Details: www.endeavourharmony.com

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Photos courtesy of Jenny Waldram, Endeavour Harmony (winners' trophy and the winning chorus members celebrating their win)

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