

Haunted Harmonies

Salem a cappella festival to debut October 8

Scholastic and professional groups will converge to compete, perform, and learn at the first annual Haunted Harmonies festival during Salem Haunted Happenings.

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Salem, MA . . . The first annual Haunted Harmonies a cappella festival will fill the streets of Salem with music on Saturday, October 8. Ten groups will come to Salem to compete, perform, and learn during this day-long event, which will culminate with a professional showcase featuring a performance by Vox One.

The Scholastic Competition will be held on the Fountain Stage on Essex Street from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The competition is free to the public. Each of the ten groups will perform and be adjudicated by a panel of professional a cappella performers and professors from Berklee College of Music and the Women's A Cappella Association. In the afternoon there will be street singing by non-scholastic performance groups from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. A cappella fans can see their favorite scholastic performers again during their Street Singing showcase from 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM. There will be five performance locations on Essex Street between Liberty Street and Washington Street.

The Pro Showcase featuring Vox One and the winners of the scholastic competition will be held in Murray Hall at 211 Bridge at 7:00 PM. This is a ticketed event, and advance ticket purchase is strongly recommended. Tickets cost \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door, and are available at HauntedHarmonies.com.

Vox One is an award winning a cappella jazz quintet that combines elements of blues, funk, gospel and folk into their own brand of vocal music, which was described as "most adventurous and distinctive" by the San Francisco Examiner.

The Scholastic Competition will include **S#arp Attitude** from UMass Amherst, **Fermata Nowhere** from UMass Lowell, **Unisons** from Northeastern University, **Tonal Recall** from Colleges of the Fenway, **4Gotten Suitcase** from Ramapo College, **Upper Structure** from Berklee College of Music, the **ArgoNotes** from Maspeth High School, and **Acapocalypse** from Emmanuel College in Boston, **Saugus Sachimes** from Saugus High School, and **Ingrid Sound** from Danvers High School. The competition will be opened and hosted by **Phoenix**, a Boston-based, all female a cappella group.

Inspired by the growing enthusiasm for a cappella performance, Haunted Harmonies has been created by Alex Grover, Music Director of Danvers High School and former director of Salem High School's a cappella group WitchPitch?, and Tina Jordan, Director of the Salem Witch Museum. Committee members include representatives from Creative Salem, Salem State University, Salem YMCA, Salem Gathering, The Women's A Cappella Association, Berklee College of Music, Salem Chamber of Commerce, Salem Witch Museum, Destination Salem, City of Salem, Salem High School and Danvers High School.

For complete information on Haunted Harmonies, visit HauntedHarmonies.com. The a cappella festival is part of a month of musical programming on the Fountain Stage organized by Salem Gathering, and will coincide with the Haunted Biz Baz Street Fair, which is produced by the Salem Chamber of Commerce. For complete information on the month-long Salem Haunted Happenings festival, visit HauntedHappenings.org.

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CALENDAR LISTING

Haunted Harmonies A Cappella Festival

October 8, 2016, Salem, Massachusetts

Collegiate and high school a cappella performance groups will converge in Salem for a day of competition, performance, and workshops during the internationally recognized Haunted Happenings festival. Visit HauntedHarmonies.com for complete information.

Schedule

- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM . . . Scholastic Competition, Fountain Stage, East India Square, Essex Street. Free
- 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM . . . Street Singing Performances at five locations along Essex Street between Liberty Street and Washington Street. Free
- 7:00 PM . . . Pro Showcase featuring Vox One and the winners of the Scholastic Competition in Murray Hall at 211 Bridge. Tickets: \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door.

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ABOUT SALEM



Salem, Massachusetts, is a destination recognized around the world for its rich history, which includes the tragic Salem Witch Trials of 1692, the glorious maritime era that left its indelible mark on the City through architecture, museums, and artifacts, and for its month-long celebration of Halloween. Learn more at Salem.org.

ABOUT SALEM HAUNTED HAPPENINGS



A month-long celebration of Halloween and fall in New England, more than 250,000 people travel from around the world to visit Salem during October. Celebrating its 35th year, the festival features scores of events and special programming, which complement the attractions, museums and tours that are in Salem throughout the year. For complete information on Haunted Happenings, visit HauntedHappenings.org.