



Endeavour Harmony Chorus Inc has become well-known as Australia's premier female *a cappella* ensemble. Formed in 1996 with 25 members, the group now has more than 70 singers from throughout the Sydney area. They have won national accolades in choral singing including the prestigious Australasian Community Choir championships four times, and the chorus were thrilled to win the Australian Choral Grand Prix in 2017. Adjudicator Timothy Chung wrote in his report about the group, "*Amazing harmonies with perfect tuning. Superb a cappella.*" The Chorus were thrilled to be chosen as a featured choir in the 2019 ABC Radio Sydney's 'Sing Out Sydney' event, held at the City Recital Hall.

The Chorus has also been a finalist in the ABC Classic FM Radio Choir of The Year and have taken out first place in the National Sweet Adelines competition at their last five attempts.

Endeavour Harmony Chorus loves to entertain audiences. Achieving beautifully blended harmonies, delivered with energy and excitement is their goal.

In September 2017 the group was coached by Deke Sharon, music director and vocal producer for Universal's *Pitch Perfect* movie series, who was particularly impressed with the ensemble's responsiveness to his coaching. He said, "*Working with a group this good is like driving a Lamborghini!*"

The Chorus performs regularly around Sydney with a repertoire that includes a variety of songs from popular hits through to gospel and rousing Australian favourites, all sung in close four-part harmony. The Chorus featured in the backing vocals of the original *Happy Feet* movie.

Endeavour Harmony Chorus rehearses each Tuesday evening at the Jannali High School hall, in southern Sydney. The women who make up this dynamic ensemble come from all walks of life. Among their membership are teachers, scientists, doctors, a vet, corporate working women and stay-at-home mums. They share a passion for singing and entertaining audiences. Education in singing and performance is an important part of chorus life. Musical Directors Lea Baker and Karen Ramirez provides vocal instruction each week at rehearsal and strive to provide a fun, supportive and inclusive environment.

As National Champions, the chorus have travelled overseas to represent Australia on the International stage five times, most recently in St Louis, Missouri in October 2018. Covid restrictions meant *Zoom* rehearsals were the norm for much of 2020 & 2021, but they still managed to learn several new songs and take in eleven new members during that period.