

Hello from your Wellington 2018 Convention team! *(Received 7th September 2017)*

Convention 2018 is on the horizon! Thursday 3 May - Sunday 6 May 2018 in the fantastic Michael Fowler Centre, Wellington. **Education classes on Sunday at the Intercontinental Hotel, Grey Street, Wellington.**

The first edition of the wonderful online Convention Handbook is scheduled for early December. Once this is uploaded it will be updated at regular intervals so be sure to check in every so often to see what's been added.

Your Convention 2018 Committee is: Hilary Clifton, Events Coordinator; Leigh Whitelaw, Chair of the Regional Convention; Claire Takacs, Convention Coordinator; Maggie Trodahl, Official Panel Liaison; and Jacqui Binnie Host Chorus Liaison.

Official Panel: Lynda Keever, Music Judge (Panel Chair); Janie Macchiaroli, Sound Judge; Dale Syverson, Expression Judge; Anna Rosenberg, Showmanship Judge.

Education Classes will be given on the Sunday by Lynda Keever and Dale Syverson.

Dale's classes: Directing - Phrasing a Ballad and Designing a Dynamic Plan. Vocal - Wall of Sound

Lynda's classes: Bringing Your Music To Life. How to use the arrangement, its structure, lyrics and embellishments to turn your music into an irresistible message for your audience. Learn how to make the most of your voice, how to show off your best skills and diminish those you haven't mastered yet. Take home some dos and don'ts for skillful presentation of your musical message, and put more joy into your performances.

We look forward to seeing you in Wellington next year for another stunning event of song and celebration!

Until next time, Leigh.

Leigh Whitelaw

Chair of the Regional Convention 2018

NB. From Nancy J: - visit the Sweet Adelines NZ Site (SANZ) to familiarise yourself with it. You will need a user name and password to get on to the Member's Only part of the site, but lots of good general information as well.

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