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EBC Update - a communication to help you prepare for EBC 2017

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Welcome to the fifth edition of EBC Update – a regular communication to keep you informed as we approach the big event.

In this edition, we are sharing some of the detail that is now available, including an initial view of what to expect in the Fringe and introducing some of the European guests who will feature in the World Harmony Showcase.

If you have any questions, email the [EBC17](#) team (ebc@labbs.org.uk) and we will try to answer in the next edition.

URGENT, DEADLINES APPROACHING!!

The following actions need to be completed by **September 30th**

- Song sheets must be submitted - click [here](#) and scroll down for the sheet appropriate to the competition you are entering.
- Postal registrations must be in - click [here](#).
- Meal tickets must be pre-booked - click [here](#).
- The deadline to book a table in the HUB has been extended. Book by emailing marketing@labbs.org.uk

What you should do now

- **Meal tickets** – can be pre-booked by clicking [here](#). You can choose from a delicious selection, which will vary each day and include a fish, meat and vegetarian option. The price will be a very reasonable £8 for lunch and £10 for dinner. On Sunday, as there will be no dinner service in the evening, a carvery will be available at lunchtime for £10. More detail is provided on the [request form](#). All bookings must be submitted **before September 30th**.
- **Book your table at the HUB!** This year, we are launching the **HUB** - a central gathering place where attendees are invited to host their own table and share what is important to them. In this exciting year where LABBS are hosting EBC, we are hoping for a truly European flavour. So if you would like to reserve a table, **send your contact details to [the HUB Team](#)** with your contact details and we will save you a space.
- **Could you or a non-singing companion give up an hour or two** to supervise the auditorium doors during competitions or performances? Do you have an interest in Social Media and feel you could give a couple of hours to support the Convention Social Media team? If so, send your contact details, what role you could help with

and an idea of when you would be available to marketing@labbs.org.uk as soon as possible

- **Get Connected ! Follow LABBS** on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and bookmark the [LABBS website](#) to get the most up to date news before and during the event. You should also check out the **European focus** by following EBC [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) and bookmarking the [EBC website](#) and if you want to be part of and contribute to the conversations about EBC, join the [EBC event](#) on the EBC Facebook page.

What you should know

- **STOP PRESS:** - the detailed competition timings for ALL Quartet competitions have been UPDATED as of September 15th. Check it out by scrolling down the [LABBS Convention page](#) and for European contests go to the [European Contest page](#).
- Find attached the Convention Information for Clubs. It lists in one place, all you need to know to prepare for Convention.
- Do you have family or friends who would like to come to Convention but are not competing? If so, they can buy their pass in advance using the [same form](#) as competitors or they can pay at LABBS reception once the event is underway.
- In UPDATE issue 3, we gave you an idea of how the different competitions will run side by side. One consequence is that judges' seating has been rearranged to allow for shadow judging and to meet BHS rules while taking up the minimum space. Competitors should not be alarmed by the extra judges they will see from the stage!
- Competitors are reminded that no dress rails are provided at the venue - all competitors will need to bring their own.
- For your safety, all competitors are reminded to wear their lanyards visibly (around the neck) at all times - not in a pocket or attached to a handbag. Failure to do so WILL be challenged - NO BADGE – NO ACCESS
- Attendance at LABBS events mean that you may be photographed or videoed for use in our educational or promotional material, some of which is posted online via our website and social media. Your attendance at the event signifies your acceptance of this. Please email remove@labbs.org.uk if you wish any particular photo or video that includes your image to be removed from public view.

Show Time!!

The **World Harmony Showcase** on Friday evening is shaping up to be a night to remember. Here are a few of the acts you can expect:



Representing Holland, the Skyline Sisters from Rotterdam are a Dutch ladies barbershop chorus with around 50 singers. Every Monday they enjoy the fun of producing the wonderful sound of A Capella four-part harmony.



Finland's first mixed barbershop quartet, Mixtape, was established in autumn 2014. The quartet is made up of Minna Liukko (tenor), Sakarias Liukko (lead), Hanna Tiihonen (baritone) and Johannes Lehtinen (bass).

Representing IABS, Guys & Dolls Mixed Voice Quartet are Lorna Moore (Tenor), Serena Standley (Lead), Patrick D'Alton (Baritone) and Daniel Beuster (Bass). Based in Cork, Ireland, they are the current Irish National Champions for Mixed Quartet 2016 at IABS.



FRINGE!

Fringe this year is bigger and better than ever. Here is an idea of what is currently planned - some things are still to be confirmed and other sessions are still to be added.

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2017		
0900-1000	Quartet & Chorus Branding	Led by Cindy Hansen
1000-1100	Stacking a Chorus	Led by Craig Kehoe
1100-1200	You should SEE what you SOUND like	How to have total impact on the audience Led by Cindy Hansen
1330-1430 over lunch	The Future Direction of Barbershop	Alison Liddell, Vice Chair of World Harmony Council, will interview Marty Monson, CEO of Barbershop Harmony Society, on the new development strategy for BHS and how he sees this impacting barbershop development across the world.
Bring your Lunch		
1530-1630	Coaching Under Glass	To Be Confirmed
1630-1730	Polecats (Male) Sing-along	To Be Confirmed

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 2017		
0945-1030	Selecting the right music for your chorus or quartet	Led by Delyth Knight
11:30-12:30	Tag Time	Led by John Ward and David Tanner. Suitable for men and women, for barbershop and non-barbershop singers, new or experienced at singing tags.
13:00-13:30 Lunch 1215-1345	Polecats (Female) Sing-along	Led by Alison Thompson Not competing this year and still want a sing? Or have you already finished competing and just want to let off steam? Come along to this fun session and let rip!
1515-1600	Storytelling and performance	Led by Alison Zdzylowski

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER 2017		
09:15 – 10:15	Sing with the Champs	Led by Amersham A Cappella, LABBS 2016 chorus champions.

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