Dear a cappella fans,

The 20th a cappella featuring plenty of renewed artistic encounters was an unforgettable festival of vocal music. Now it’s time for us to recommend some new discoveries to you. The first few performances of a cappella 2020 will feature four German ensembles which couldn’t be more different: VOXID, LaLeLu, contest winners German Gents, and us from amarcord. While the latter two are more at home in the classical world, the other two are more about sophisticated vocal pop and cheekily classical.

We go back a long way with the Ráchny Singers from Hungary – ever since they took part in the very first a cappella in 1993, in fact. Anúna’s appearance marks the first time we’ll be welcoming participants from Ireland, while luminaries of early music the Tallis Scholars from the UK will also be making their debut in Leipzig. Finally, Sweden will bring up the rear with Kingsmores – currently the world’s best barbershop quartet.

As you can see, regardless of whether you’re an avowed a cappella enthusiast or a complete novice, it’s definitely worth attending every show!

Moreover, the 13th a cappella Contest with a jury chaired by the experienced Sir Simon Carrington promises to be a thrilling occasion.

We look forward to seeing you at a cappella 2020!

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Changing Times – Prize-Winners’ Concert

The German Gents caused a sensation as both acclaimed winners and audience favourites of last year’s International a cappella Contest. Barely 20 years old, the four singers first came together in the Berlin State and Cathedral Choir. In 2018, despite their youth, they’ve already proved themselves with their magnificent vocal maturity and their passion for singing together. They’re especially fond of music for male choirs from the Romantic era and folk songs as well as classical modern music and barbershop. Consequently, their Prize-Winners’ Concert will take us on a journey through various musical eras. We’re sure to see a lot more of the German Gents in future!

Part 2

For the 13th time, young ensembles from all over the world will come together during the a cappella Contest. Up-and-coming vocal groups in all sorts of styles will be entering the competition in order to introduce themselves and their music, talk shop, and take away with them important tips and ideas for their future development – and hopefully various awards! Selected and judged by an international jury of experts, the ensembles will appear in two public concerts and compete against each other in a single category. The closing date for entries for the 2020 a cappella Contest, which is open to all vocal groups with between three and eight members and an average age of no more than 29 years, is 19 January 2020.
Tonight, tonight!

Hailing from Stockholm, Ringmasters are known for their outstanding barbershop vocals. In 2012, the group became the first non-American ensemble to be crowned international quartet champions by the Barbershop Harmony Society— in other words the best barbershop quartet in the world. Enjoying resounding success in their native Sweden, Ringmasters have also thrilled audiences from Las Vegas to Taipei. In addition to barbershop classics, the quartet performs songs by the likes of Simon & Garfunkel, the Beatles and Elvis Presley as well as traditional songs from Sweden and around the world— with maximum precision, plenty of charm, and unparalleled passion. We can't wait to hear these velvet voices from the far north!

Festival highlights

The 21st A Cappella Festival will of course conclude with a grand final concert at the Gewandhaus in Leipzig. The city’s musical spring, having already got off to a wonderful start with the 2020 German Choir Festival, will come to a peak with this gala featuring singing with very different roots, connections and harmonies. Long may musical diversity continue to thrive, jive and take five! Ticket-holders can look forward to festival hosts amarcord, the top ensembles in the 13th International A Cappella Contest, and a selection of the groups which have turned the 21st festival over the previous few days into a grand tour of a cappella singing!

The prices indicated include the advance booking fee. Concessions (not on 5 May 2020): students, trainees, unemployed people, Federal Voluntary Service participants, severely disabled people and holders of the Leipzig Pass upon presentation of the respective proof. The following reductions apply on 5 May 2020: Young visitors up to 29 years, 30%, Leipzig Pass holders: 50%, severely disabled: 20%.