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Dear Singers and Families,

We are so very happy to welcome **THE FINAL TERM of 2017!** Hasn't it gone too quick!?

This year, our studio proudly celebrates its 5th Birthday! We have had many memories in our space and so much music, and musical careers, have been created along the way.

To mark our 5th birthday, we invite our singers, students, families (past and present) to our largest and most special end-of-year showcase yet!

**ECHO ON!** - our annual performance showcase - started in 2014 at the Paddington Uniting Church. Our singers had the chance to perform on a stage previously graced by the likes of Florence and the Machine, John Mayer and Missy Higgins, to name a few. It was a fantastic space and singing in it felt so special! We have since held various versions of ECHO ON! each year - 2015 saw us take over the Downtown Pizza Bar for three low-key gigs, and in 2016, we were very lucky to team up with The Academy of Music and Performing Arts / The Australian Performing Arts Grammar School and ECHO ON! was held at their campus in Rozelle and Broadway. These spaces offer a purpose built performance atmosphere and learning experience for our students.

This year, we are holding two very special showcases at The Academy of Music and Performing Arts; this time at the Tom Mann Theatre (Surry Hills). Each performance will be musically directed by our team of teachers, backing vocalists, instrumentalists and sound technicians.

**We invite you to perform for ONE of the following dates.**

**SATURDAY, December 9, 2017 OR Saturday, December 16, 2017**

1. Please advise us by Week 2 of your preferred date. Each date has a limit of 20 performances and once spaces are full, additional performance spaces will be dependent on repertoire time and
2. Confirmed performers are required to commit to lessons and rehearsals, and all performances will be musically directed over the term by our team of teachers, backing vocalists, instrumentalists and sound technicians.
3. Beginners will be encouraged to perform **one song** while intermediate - advanced singers (students with at least three terms of lessons under our tutelage or show extended musical skill) will be encouraged to perform **two songs**. Song choices are to be **finalised by Week 2** to provide our team time to rehearse repertoire, curate each performance set and to provide students with ample time to rehearse and polish their performances. Parents, please avoid suggesting new repertoire particularly to young

students, once songs are agreed upon. This often results in confusion and anxiety in young students.

4. A rehearsal with our team is available in Weeks 5 OR 6. We require performers with complex repertoire (backing vocals, accompaniment etc.) or performers with minimal professional performance experience to attend one rehearsal. These will be held on Sunday 12th November and Sunday 19th November, from 3pm - 6pm. During these rehearsals, song repertoire, backing vocals, instrumentation and introductions will be rehearsed. An additional cost of \$20 is required to facilitate this rehearsal.

**On the day of your performance:**

3:30pm	Drop-off / Scheduled sound Checks from 4:00pm (Strictly for students / singers only and/or one accompanying parent for minors)
6:00pm	Doors open to guests
6:30pm	Show starts
8:30pm	Show ends (approximate time)

**Costs to students / families:**

1. There is no cost for performers, aside from a nominal \$20 fee to cover the facilitation and staffing of a combined rehearsal (3 hours for attendees).
2. Costs associated relate to ticket purchases and parking. As these events are purely facilitated for the benefit of students, we greatly appreciate (and need!) the support of families and friends!
3. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$25 for children 7yrs+, and a family pricing of \$120 applies for 2 Adults and 3 Children. Tickets will be available on our website from Week 2. There is no ticket cost for children under 6yrs however a 'ticket' is still required (so we can allocate a seat or a pram space) so please note this when ordering tickets.

We look forward to putting together this professional learning experience for all of our singers. An event such as this requires a serious level of commitment and practice from our students and a fair amount of time and energy from all of our teachers, and therefore pulls together many elements of singing, performance and musicianship as learned throughout the year. It is an exciting and memorable process and we are truly looking forward to it!

We encourage all of our families to follow us on Facebook (/sydneyvoicestudio) or Instagram (@sydneyvoicestudio) as we utilise these to post updates (along with other handy singing stuff!).

We will continue to provide information as we go along but for now, please don't forget to:

1. Let us know if you would like to perform on **December 9** or **December 16**
2. Finalise your repertoire choice/s with your teacher **this week** and no later than **week 2**.
3. Ensure you are provided with and/or find your repertoire resources, such as backing tracks, lyric sheets and/or charts/sheet music **in the correct key**.

Thank you once again and chat soon!

Veronica Stewart-Monro  
Studio Owner & Miss Musical Director of Echo On! 2017

To contact us / advise us of your date preference, feel free to CALL or TEXT 0411 506 204, or email [info@sydneyvoicestudio.com.au](mailto:info@sydneyvoicestudio.com.au)

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TWO NIGHTS OF SINGING & CELEBRATION  
\\ TOM MANN THEATRE  
SATURDAY 9TH \\ 16TH DEC

THE ANNUAL END OF YEAR SHOWCASE & AWARDS NIGHT FOR SINGERS OF THE SYDNEY VOICE STUDIO

AMPA | The Australian Academy of Music & Performing Arts  
Tom Mann Theatre | 136 Chalmers Street, Surry Hills  
9th OR 16th DEC, 6pm - 8:30pm | Doors open from 5pm  
Tickets \$35 Adults, \$25 Children, \$120 Families (2Ad, 3Ch)

\*If you'd like to advertise or sponsor this event, we'd love to hear from you!\*

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