

"Cape Cod Sings! A Cappella Festival" at Cotuit Center for the Arts

Friday, September 6, 2019 7:30 PM 9:00 PM

Cotuit Center for the Arts presents the third annual "Cape Cod Sings! A Cappella Festival" Friday, September 6, from 7:30 to 9 PM on the Main Stage. Centertonix, the Cape Cod Surftones, and the Cranberry Shores Chorus will perform.

This will be a fun entertaining evening to conclude your Labor Day week festivities. Bring the whole family!

These three Cape Cod year-round groups are excited about entertaining an audience of all ages from the Cotuit Center for the Arts mainstage.

"A cappella music is enjoying a wonderful resurgence and being part of this third festival is a great opportunity to spread the word about a cappella singing," David Anthony, business manager for the Surftones.

"Modern a cappella has become a cultural phenomenon," said Steve Stein, music director of Centertonix. "with popular TV shows and movie franchises. We present pieces that span different genres - vocal jazz, show tunes, doo-wop, spirituals, barbershop, and a cappella pop.

Centertonix, the host a cappella group, has a diverse group of members: male and female, young and older (ages 15 to mid-70s), with wide-ranging experience. Just over 2 and a half years old, they debuted at the Center's Derby Day celebration May 2017, organized the first "Cape Cod Sings! A Cappella Festival" in October 2017, and have since sung shows at the Center, Heritage Museums & Gardens in Sandwich, Chatham Bars Inn, and various locations around the Cape. "We will be singing some well-loved songs: "Bohemian Rhapsody" and "Stevie Wonder's "Signed, Sealed,

Delivered" are two of our newest, said Stein.

The Cape Cod Surftones, a barbershop harmony group led by Don Taylor, was founded in 1975 and is a member of the 76-year old Barbershop Harmony Society. The Surftones recently won "Best Small Chorus" in the Society's Northeast District. "A unique set of harmonies is created in the barbershop style," Anthony said. "The four voices—whether in a quartet or in a chorus—blend together and create overtones, which almost sounds like a fifth voice, something we enjoy very much."

The Cranberry Shores Chorus is the Southeastern Massachusetts chapter of Sweet Adelines International, a worldwide organization of 30,000 women who sing barbershop harmony. Founded in 1986, Cranberry Chorus has 18 active members and performs throughout the Cape and Southeastern Massachusetts.

"It's a really fun, very welcoming chorus; very warm friendships develop when you sing together," said Paulette Rio. "Studies show that singing together improves your mood and your health. It's a nice bonding experience—making wonderful harmonies together, when the chords lock and ring—what's better than that?"

Tickets are \$20, \$17 for members and students. For tickets, and more information, visit www.artsonthecape.org, or call 508-428-0669. Cotuit Center for the Arts is at 4404 Route 28 in Cotuit.

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