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CLASS SCHEDULE FOR SINGSTRONG CHICAGO



Classes are held in multiple classrooms in one building at Niles West High School. 5701 Oakton Street. Skokie, IL 60077.

Classes do not require Pre-Registration, unless otherwise noted.

Most classes are aimed at beginner to intermediate levels, unless noted as advanced.

Classes typically last just under 1 hour. Scheduled events subject to change.

The 2016 schedule is below and may take a moment to display.

MARCH 2016

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Fri

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Single Singers Lunch at Ruby Tuesdays

Mar 11 @ 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

This lunch is an optional, just-for-fun meet-up for The Single Singers (<http://chicago.singstrong.org/singlesingers-chicago.html>). Guest Director, Michael Miller will be your host!

Ruby Tuesdays is located on the ground floor of the Hampton Inn & Suites at 5201 Old Orchard Rd, Skokie, IL 60077. There is free parking.

A map is available at <http://chicago.singstrong.org/location.html> (<http://chicago.singstrong.org/location.html>)

The Single Singers (<http://chicago.singstrong.org/singlesingers-chicago.html>) is a group open to any singer at any level who is willing to learn the material on his or her own, prior to coming to SingStrong, and willing to perform on stage after just one day together!

We won't have time to plunk notes so make sure you know your part cold! (You'll also need a weekend pass or class pass to participate.)

Contact your director (<http://chicago.singstrong.org/singlesingers-chicago.html>) for learning materials and get ready to sing your heart out!

You will be performing at the Sat 2PM High School Competition Concert during the judge's deliberations.

CATEGORIES:

[Read more → \(http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/single-singers-lunch-at-ruby-tuesdays/?instance_id=190\)](http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/single-singers-lunch-at-ruby-tuesdays/?instance_id=190)

RUBY TUESDAYS AT HAMPTON INN (HTTP://SINGSTRONG.ORG/WPDC/CHI/CALENDAR/ACTION~AGENDA/TIME_LIMIT~1396587600/CAT_IDS~13/)

SOUNDCHECKS for ACA-IDOL Concert

Mar 11 @ 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Soundchecks for ACA-IDOL Competitors are assigned here (<http://chicago.singstrong.org/soundcheck-schedule.html>).

ACA-Idol is a fast-paced competition with big money at stake! Groups perform for 10 minutes. A panel of celebrity judges gives live feedback. You, the audience vote by cell phone to decide which group -College or Pro- wins \$1,000! (Rules here (<http://chicago.singstrong.org/aca-idol-procollegiate-competition.html>))

Ten competitors each give their best 10 minutes. Bid at the Silent Auction too! Competitors will all compete for your love and votes in this show!

CATEGORIES:

[Read more → \(http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/aca-idol-concert/?instance_id=189\)](http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/aca-idol-concert/?instance_id=189)

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Single Singers Rehearsal

Mar 11 @ 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

This rehearsal is for The Single Singers (<http://chicago.singstrong.org/singlesingers-chicago.html>).

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(You'll also need a weekend pass or class pass to participate.)

Follow the instructions (<http://chicago.singstrong.org/singlesingers-chicago.html>) and get ready to sing your heart out!

CATEGORIES:

[Read more → \(http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/single-singers-rehearsal/?instance_id=187\)](http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/single-singers-rehearsal/?instance_id=187)

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JUDGES MEETING for ACA-IDOL Concert

Mar 11 @ 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm

ACA-IDOL Judges meet with Producers to review rules and procedures for judging ACA-IDOL.

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Ten competitors each give their best 10 minutes. Bid at the Silent Auction too! Competitors will all compete for your love and votes in this show!

CATEGORIES:

[Read more → \(http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/aca-idol-concert-2/?instance_id=186\)](http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/aca-idol-concert-2/?instance_id=186)

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ACA-IDOL Concert

Mar 11 @ 7:00 pm – 10:30 pm

ACA-Idol is a fast-paced competition with big money at stake! Groups perform for 10 minutes. A panel of celebrity judges gives live feedback. You, the audience vote by cell phone to decide which group -College or Pro- wins \$1,000! (Rules here (<http://chicago.singstrong.org/aca-idol-procollegiate-competition.html>))

Ten competitors each give their best 10 minutes. Bid at the Silent Auction too! Competitors will all compete for your love and votes in this show!

CATEGORIES:

[Read more → \(http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/aca-idol-concert-3/?instance_id=185\)](http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/aca-idol-concert-3/?instance_id=185)

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Meet and Greet AfterGlow at the Hampton Inn Skokie

Mar 11 @ 11:00 pm – 11:59 pm

Food, drink and song! A meet and greet for SingStrong groups, singers and attendees! Held at the Hampton Inn's Ruby Tuesdays, just off the main lobby.

This is an awesome party, but it isn't for everyone. This event is not supervised by SingStrong, Niles West HS, Amy Branahl, or any other person or entity. This is not an official NWHS or SingStrong event. No credit is offered at the HS for attendance. No fee is charged for attendance. This is simply the spot where some performers and adult summit attendees will be relaxing after the show. It is not for HS students to attend.

 [Read more → \(http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/meet-and-greet-afterglow-at-the-hampton-inn-skokie/?instance_id=184\)](http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/meet-and-greet-afterglow-at-the-hampton-inn-skokie/?instance_id=184)

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Sat

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Vocal Stretch with Vocaldente

Mar 12 @ 9:30 am – 11:00 am

Start this festival off right by singing! Germany's Vocaldente will get you warmed-up and jamming in no time. This bonus-length seminar runs from 9:30 to 11 so you'll have lots of time to sing, and discover the secrets to unlocking the perfect blend.

Vocaldente has established itself as an internationally sought-after vocal ensemble, winning international competitions and boasting impressive references. Unlike other a cappella groups, vocaldente don't rely on technical devices, amplifiers and special effects. Their passion is an art almost lost in the entire vocal scene: performing a cappella without microphones, conveying the feeling and verve of 80 years of musical entertainment in its most authentic way – purely acoustic, taking a cappella back to its proper roots. However, their repertoire is equally contemporary, as well as covering pop and rock music from the past eight decades. Taking their audience on a captivating journey from the Roaring Twenties to the latest pop hits, vocaldente create a completely unique new form of a cappella that's directly connecting with the audience, touching them deeply and delighting them utterly. [Performing SAT 7:00 PM and SUN 2PM]

 **CATEGORIES:**

[Read more → \(http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/get-to-know-onair/?instance_id=207\)](http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/get-to-know-onair/?instance_id=207)

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Being a Vocal Drummer: Beyond the Sounds with Mark Megibow

Mar 12 @ 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Mark Megibow, is the high energy vocal percussionist that drives FACE. This class focuses on how to be a drummer in a band -an all vocal band, of course! Mark holds a degree in Music Education from Northwestern University where his instrument of focus was percussion! Mark's approach goes beyond sounds and explores the core elements of the VP's function so that they can craft their performances to enhance the music and the group's impact.

Fans may recognize FACE from their performances on NBC's "The Sing-Off," or their non-stop world touring. From headlining at Edinburgh, Scotland's prestigious Festival Fringe, to Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas, FACE has opened for such legendary performers as Jon Bon Jovi, Jay Leno, Manhattan Transfer, Culture Club & Boy George, Rick Springfield, and Robin Thicke. Critics and fans rave: "[Face] communicates with a directness and warmth – perhaps America at its best." (Norrbottens Kuriren) "An instant connection – twinkling eyes suggesting a mischievous love of what was about to happen." (FringeReview.co.uk) "A true American heartland sound." (Recorded A Cappella Review Board)

Beloved in their home state of Colorado, where their reviews boast no shortage of superlatives, Face regularly performs for sold-out audiences in classic venues such as Paramount Theatre, Boulder Theater, Soiled Dove Underground, Ellie Caulkins Opera House, Pepsi Center and Sports Authority Field at Mile High. Don't miss their SingStrong debut! [Performing SAT 7:00 PM and SUN at 2:00 PM]

 **CATEGORIES:**

[Read more → \(http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/electronic-a-cappella-warora-3/?instance_id=222\)](http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/electronic-a-cappella-warora-3/?instance_id=222)

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Rockstar 101 with Diana Preisler star of TV's Pitch Slapped

Mar 12 @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Diana Preisler says this: "They see you louder than they hear you."

The Broadway performer, film actress (Oscar Nominated "Chico and Rita"), singer and manager of Blue Jupiter will show you how to make that message work for you. Groups will hop on stage and have their performance crafted to perfection.

This seminar is one of our most popular! Have your group come ready to perform!

 **CATEGORIES:**

[Read more → \(http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/barbershop-singing-wjay-giallombardo/?instance_id=180\)](http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/barbershop-singing-wjay-giallombardo/?instance_id=180)

Advanced Arranging with Tom Anderson**Mar 12 @ 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**

Advanced Arranging Techniques (Tom Anderson)

Got a few arrangements under your belt? Ready to really get your hands dirty? One of the top names in contemporary a cappella arranging takes you under the hood and shows you how to make your charts purr like the pros'.

Tom Anderson knows contemporary a cappella arranging, inside and out. He's got the experience and the awards. But some say he's a man of strong opinion. Come with a thick skin and you'll be in a perfect position learn from a master!

Tom Anderson is the founder, owner, and creative director of Random Notes. As a professional arranger specializing in a cappella music, his clients include some of the top names at all levels of a cappella. Grammy winners The Swingle Singers, "The Sing-Off" winners Committed, international high school champs Vocal Rush and Limited Edition, the "Asian Pentatonix" MICappella, youth choirs from Idaho to South Africa, and countless others have used Tom's arranging to help shape their sound.

Originally from northern Minnesota, Tom was a member of professional Minneapolis aca group Four Shadow at age 19. While studying music composition at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, he was the original music director of UWEC a cappella group Fifth Element and played piano in the jazz band that DownBeat Magazine named the best in the country. After college, he returned to the road as a member of Boston pro group Ball in the House, leaving just prior to the arrival of a brilliant young tenor named Peter Hollens.

When Peter left BitH to return to the University of Oregon and his college group, On the Rocks, he asked Tom to arrange a song for him. That song, a cover of Mr. Mister's "Kyrie", was nominated for a Contemporary A Cappella Recording Award for Song of the Year, putting both Peter's golden pipes and Tom's arranging on the map. Tom's collaborations with Peter and On the Rocks have continued ever since, including OTR's successful run on Season 2 of NBC's "The Sing-Off" and nearly every song that Peter has released in a solo a cappella career (now on Sony Masterworks) that has garnered over 160 million YouTube views (and counting).

These days, Tom's arrangements can be heard just about anywhere there's contemporary a cappella music – from concert halls and compilation albums (a combined 24 appearances on Sing!, BOCA, and Voices Only) to Disney theme parks and Royal Caribbean cruises. He also works in instrumental idioms, including recent work as the lead orchestrator for an Off-Broadway musical. Tom is a frequent instructor and masterclinician at a cappella festivals and workshops (including his own intensive week-long workshop, Next Level Arrangements, presented in conjunction with The Vocal Company) and currently serves as the Vice President of the Contemporary A Cappella Society (CASA). He is a diehard Twins fan and is certain that 2016 is their year.

Contact Tom at tom@random-notes.com!

CATEGORIES:

[Read more → \(http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/expansive-vocal-technique-w-grace-mclean/?instance_id=220\)](http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/expansive-vocal-technique-w-grace-mclean/?instance_id=220)

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Beatboxing Panel with Mark Megibow, Kevin Child, Marty Gasper, Isaiah Lopez and more!**Mar 12 @ 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**

Beatbox is an essential element of contemporary a cappella. No program is complete without it. But where do you start?

This panel of world-class beatboxers will not only blow you away with their stunning skills, but they'll also walk you through the percussive language that forms the core of this expressive vocal technique. By the end of this class, you'll have the basic tools to begin to master the craft of beatboxing on your own.

CATEGORIES:

[Read more → \(http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/beatboxing-panel/?instance_id=218\)](http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/beatboxing-panel/?instance_id=218)

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Single Singers Rehearsal**Mar 12 @ 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

This rehearsal is for The Single Singers (<http://chicago.singstrong.org/singlesingers-chicago.html>).

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Contact your director (<http://chicago.singstrong.org/singlesingers-chicago.html>) for learning materials and get ready to sing your heart out!

Participation will cause you to miss a portion of the Saturday 2PM HS Competition.

You will be performing at the HS Competition during the judge's deliberations.

CATEGORIES:

[Read more → \(http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/single-singers-rehearsal-2/?instance_id=174\)](http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/single-singers-rehearsal-2/?instance_id=174)

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Judges Meeting for HS Competition

Mar 12 @ 1:15 pm – 1:45 pm

All HS Competition JUDGES meet with producers to review rules, awards and procedures, and receive their forms for judging the High School Competition at 2PM.

Mark Megibow, Stephen Ross, Cody Qualls (members of FACE), Corey Slutsky and James Rose and Danny Fong (members of ACCENT) as judges.

[Read more → \(http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/electronic-a-cappella-warora-2/?instance_id=213\)](http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/electronic-a-cappella-warora-2/?instance_id=213)

High School Competition

Mar 12 @ 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The best High School groups get just a few minutes of stage time to impress a team of a cappella experts as they compete for trophies. The Single Singers (<http://chicago.singstrong.org/singlesingers-chicago.html>) perform to standing ovations while the judges deliberate.

CATEGORIES:

[Read more → \(http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/high-school-competition/?instance_id=173\)](http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/high-school-competition/?instance_id=173)

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History of vocal groups: jazz, pop and beyond with ACCENT

Mar 12 @ 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Where did we come from? How did we get here? Humankind asks these questions and so do a cappella singers. Come learn your history with a group that's carrying the torch to the next generation: Accent!

In one sense, Accent is traditional a cappella vocal jazz, carrying on the legacies of The Singers Unlimited, Hi-Lo's, Manhattan Transfer and Take 6. But in another sense they are distinctly modern. Formed over YouTube with a membership spanning Canada, Sweden, France, the US and the UK, the members had never been in the same room until a growing fan base demanded their live performance! Against all odds, this international sextet has wowed the a cappella world. Catch this rare midwest performance from SingStrong debut artists, ACCENT! [Performing SAT 9:30 PM and SUN at 2:00 PM]

CATEGORIES:

[Read more → \(http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/ten-behind-the-scenes/?instance_id=215\)](http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/ten-behind-the-scenes/?instance_id=215)

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What Makes a Great Recording (or Corey Slutsky is Not Your Mom)

Mar 12 @ 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Your mom says your album's the greatest thing she's ever heard. Shocker. Time for a dose of reality! Bring your recordings to class and get critiqued by the experts. Corey Slutsky isn't your mom, but he is the Voices Only Founder and Executive Producer for the last decade, and a former RARB reviewer and CARA judge. He's heard a lot of a cappella. He'll listen intently to your recorded songs and point out right from wrong. It's a no-holds-barred critique. Corey will also play some shining stars and dismal flops from his personal collection for your listening enjoyment. Learn what to listen for, and how to make your recordings shine. Will there be debates? Sure! Natural vs processed! What counts as cheating? What's eye-rollingly unoriginal? Is the target audience the ACA-community or the general public? As a bonus, Corey reveals the tricks to getting selected for Voices Only Compilations.

CATEGORIES:

[Read more → \(http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/vocal-jazz-wwest-side-5/?instance_id=202\)](http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/vocal-jazz-wwest-side-5/?instance_id=202)

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Break for Dinner

Mar 12 @ 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Time to get those aca-nutrients. But remember to keep the food break tight, because doors open no later than 6:30PM for the 7:00PM PRO show!

[Read more → \(http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/break-for-dinner/?instance_id=167\)](http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/break-for-dinner/?instance_id=167)

HS Competition MIXER in the Cafeteria

Mar 12 @ 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

High School Competitors gobble down pizza and get to know their fellow competitors. Just try not to say “hello” with pepperoni in your mouth!

CATEGORIES:

[Read more → \(http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/beatbox-basics-wmandible/?instance_id=197\)](http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/beatbox-basics-wmandible/?instance_id=197)

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Music Educators Roundtable

Mar 12 @ 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

A discussion of issues facing music educators. Moderated by Amy Branahl (Niles North HS). This will be an in-depth roundtable meeting on today’s most important issues, all while participants enjoy dinner! Bring your own food or contact Amy@SingStrong.org to arrange for a meal.

CATEGORIES:

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PRO SHOW 1 with FACE, Julia Easterlin, Vocaldente and more!

Mar 12 @ 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

7:00PM – 8:30PM See the best professional groups in fast-paced sets. Each Pro Show is different!

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Silent Auction to Benefit the Fight Against Alzheimer’s

Mar 12 @ 8:30 pm – 9:10 pm

The Silent Auction (which is actually quite loud) accepts bids from Saturday Morning onwards, but this is the the final 40 minutes of Silent Auction time! The crowds gather and bidding intensifies!

Get unbelievable deals as you bid on a plethora of packages, and **every dollar** goes right to the Alzheimer’s Association!

Hotel get-aways? We’ve got em! Hard to find a cappella CDs? We’ve got em? Headshot and recording packages? We’ve got em! Local discounts for every day items? We’ve got those too!

Don’t miss this great chance to do well (for yourself) while you do good (for others)!

All conveniently placed in the lobby, between the end of the Sat. 7PM show and the beginning of the Sat. 9:30PM show!

Check out our FAQ for more info: <http://chicago.singstrong.org/faq.html>



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PRO SHOW 2 with Accent, Buck That!, Listen Up! Jewish Vocal Band and more!

Mar 12 @ 9:30 pm – 11:00 pm

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Open Mic AfterGlow at the Hampton Inn Hotel

Mar 12 @ 11:30 pm – Mar 13 @ 12:59 pm

Food, drink and song! An open mic for all groups and singers!

Held at the Hampton Inn Skokie Ruby Tuesdays, off the main lobby.

Any group of adult singers at any level can get up and jam! Need a bass? Just call out for one! This is the time for once in a lifetime connections! Pros and amateurs and everything in between!

This is an awesome party, but it isn't for everyone. This event is not supervised by SingStrong, Niles West HS, Amy Branahl or any other person or entity. This is not an official NWHS or SingStrong event. No credit is offered at the HS for attendance. No fee is charged for attendance. This is simply the spot where some performers and adult summit attendees will be relaxing after the show. It is not for HS students to attend.

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How to recruit for and fund your HS a cappella program with Amy Branahl

Mar 13 @ 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Without singers you have nothing! Without funds, your hands are tied. Amy Branahl is an award-winning HS director who's ready to show you the inside scoop on getting your program just where you want it!

CATEGORIES: Read more → (http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/electronic-a-cappella-warora/?instance_id=219)

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Arranging with FACE

Mar 13 @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

FACE is all-vocal rock, but their fans call their music a FACE-lift! This class focuses on FACE's unique approach to putting story and soul first even when putting notes on the page. Go beyond dense chords and clever tricks and tell the story of what matters. Arrange from the heart with FACE.

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Recording Techniques w/Freddie Feldman

Mar 13 @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

The recording studio is a beast that every group must master. Let the award-winning owner and founder of VOCOMOTION studios help you tame the beast! Freddie Feldman is the author of an e-book on this very topic, and in this class he will reveal the essentials for keeping your recording on time and on budget. Pay attention now so that later you can stick to the fun part: making music!

CATEGORIES: Read more → (http://singstrong.org/wpdc/chi/ai1ec_event/recording-techniques-wfreddie-feldman/?instance_id=156)

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Intonation, listening and blend with ACCENT

Mar 13 @ 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

A cappella success requires intonation, listening and blending. It's all part of what makes a cappella singing special and different and who better to lead the class than Accent, a group renown for their skills in this very area!

In one sense, Accent is traditional a cappella vocal jazz, carrying on the legacies of The Singers Unlimited, Hi-Lo's, Manhattan Transfer and Take 6. But in another sense they are distinctly modern. Formed over YouTube with a membership spanning Canada, Sweden, France, the US and the UK, the members had never been in the same room until a growing fan base demanded their live performance! Against all odds, this international sextet has wowed the a cappella world. Catch this rare midwest performance from SingStrong debut artists, ACCENT! [Performing SAT 9:30 PM and SUN at 2:00 PM]

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Pitch Slapped: Behind the Scenes of the Lifetime TV Show with Diana Preisler

Mar 13 @ 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

It sure seems like a cappella has become huge in popular culture! But in 2016, there's only been ONE a cappella TV show: Pitch Slapped on Lifetime TV. The show featured two HS groups competing, each with its own dedicated coach. Diana Preisler coached Highlands Voices, the group which won the most events and which won the overall competition. Diana talks about the experience, revealing which elements were edited and which were very, very real. Also, what things got left on the cutting room floor.

For any group interested in this experience and any group interested in TV, this is can't miss class!

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PRO SHOW 3 with Accent, FACE, Julia Easterlin, Vocaldente and more!

Mar 13 @ 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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