



*The Betsy's A Cappella Festival is the only Festival of its kind in South Florida. The Betsy's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual A Cappella Festival promises to be something really special, building on the incredible success of our first go-round that focused on collegiate singers. This time we will high school and community-based performers as well – bringing the community together through the power of song – and we'll be presenting our SHOWCASE at the Miami Beach Community Church, located on Lincoln Road. The Festival will double in size from last year. This year we expect 260 performers in numerous 'inside/outside' venues – in and around Miami Beach.*

*Award winning arrangers and conductors for our 2015 festival include Ben Bram, Rob Dietz, Shams Ahmed, Alex Green and India Carney, whose collective credits include a Grammy, NBC's "The Sing Off," PopTV's "Sing it On" and the Pitch Perfect movies. Vocalist India Carney, a semi-finalist from the last season of The Voice will solo at the Showcase concert, scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 7:30 PM; the Miami Gay Men's Chorus will also perform a set of a cappella songs at the Saturday night concert.*

*Festival experts for 2015 come from The Sing Off, Pitch Perfect (I and II) and The Voice. Award winning arranger/conductors Ben Bram, Rob Dietz, and Shams Ahmed are the headliners, with other highly credentialed presenters also signed up to participate. Vocalist India Carney, from The Voice will solo at the Showcase concert, scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 7:30 PM; the Miami Gay Men's Chorus will also perform a set of a cappella songs at the Saturday night concert.*

*Regional High School (HS) Singers will participate in the Festival-for the first time. Since to-date, the Miami Dade Schools have not had funding to introduce rigorous a cappella programming, The Betsy is introducing a day of workshops designed around the skills and interests of 150 specially selected students who are invited to perform as part of the Showcase Grand Finale. The HS intensive will be held at The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts on October 22 from 9 to 1 PM.*

Program Sponsors are The Betsy Hotel and Betsy Community Fund at The Miami Foundation, PG Family Foundation, Miami Dade County Public Schools, Baptist Health West Kendall, Auction.com, Starbucks, and the Miami Beach Community Church.



*Emmy-award winning arranger Ben Bram is pictured here, in 2014, conducting a festival performance in Lummus Park.*

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The Betsy's A Cappella Festival: *a cappella on the beach!* October 23-25, 2015

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