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# PRESS RELEASE

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## Carpe Sono Invited to Perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City with Deke Sharon

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Outstanding music program receives special invitation

Distinguished Concerts International New York City (DCINY) announced today that Darnell Dibbles and Carpe Sono have been invited to participate in *Total Vocal* – a performance of contemporary a cappella under the creative direction of arranger/producer Deke Sharon (*The Sing Off*, *Pitch Perfect*) – on the DCINY Concert Series in New York City. This performance will take place on Sunday, April 9, 2017 in Isaac Stern Auditorium at Carnegie Hall. These outstanding musicians will join with other choristers from around the world to form the Distinguished Concerts Singers International, a choir of distinction. Deke Sharon will lead the performance and will serve as the clinician for the residency.

Why the invitation was extended

Dr. Jonathan Griffith, Artistic Director and Principal Conductor for DCINY states: “Carpe Sono received this invitation because of the quality and high level of musicianship demonstrated by the singers as well as the exceptional quality of their audition recording. It is quite an honor just to be invited to perform in New York. These wonderful musicians not only represent a high quality of music and education, but they also become ambassadors for the entire community. This is an event of extreme pride for everybody and deserving of the community’s recognition and support.”

The singers will spend 5 days and 4 nights in New York City in preparation for their concert. “The singers will spend approximately 9-10 hours in rehearsals over the 5 day residency.” says Griffith. “Not all of the time is spent in rehearsals, since there is so much history and culture to see in New York City. However, the performance is the primary purpose for their visit to the city.” Members of the community are encouraged to give financial support in sending these singers to New York by contacting Darnell at 512-497-7927 or via email at [darnell.dibbles@automattic.com](mailto:darnell.dibbles@automattic.com).

Conductor Deke Sharon

Heralded as “The Father of Contemporary A Cappella” and “a one man a cappella revolution” (*Boston Globe*), Deke Sharon is responsible for the current sound of modern a cappella, and for spreading the dense vocal-instrumental sound around the world.

Born in San Francisco, California, Deke is the founder, director and arranger for the House Jacks, and has shared the stage with countless music legends, including Ray Charles, James Brown, Crosby Stills and Nash, Run DMC, The Temptations, LL Cool J and the Four Tops, and performed for luminaries including President Bill Clinton. The House Jacks have eight albums, and dozens of international tours to their names, including multiple

appearances Carnegie Hall, and performed the Monday Night Football Theme with Hank Williams Jr. in 2011.

Deke produces "The Sing-Off" worldwide (USA, Netherlands, China), which had the highest ratings of any new, unscripted television show in the US in 2009, and was the third highest rated show on NBC in 2010. In addition, Deke served as arranger, on-site music director and vocal producer for Universal's "Pitch Perfect" starring Anna Kendrick (2012).

Deke founded the Contemporary A Cappella Society while in college, and is responsible for many seminal a cappella programs, including the CARAs (Contemporary A Cappella Recording Awards, ICCAs (International Championship of College A Cappella), BOCA (Best of College A Cappella Compilation), the first contemporary a cappella conferences (the A Cappella Summit), and the new Contemporary A Cappella League.

He is also contemporary A Cappella's most prolific arranger, having arranged over 2,000 songs, with many of them in print worldwide with Hal Leonard/Contemporary A Cappella Publishing. His first book, "Acappella Arranging" was published in 2012.

He has produced dozens of award winning a cappella albums (including Straight No Chaser, Committed, Nota, Street Corner Symphony and the Tufts Beelzebubs), created a cappella groups for Disneyland and Disneyworld, and frequently tours the world teaching a variety of topics to students and professional singers.

#### DCINY Productions

Founded by Iris Derke and Jonathan Griffith, Distinguished Concerts International New York (DCINY) is the leading producer of dynamically charged musical excellence. With its unforgettable concert experiences in renowned venues, empowering educational programs, and its global community of artists and audiences, DCINY changes lives through the power of performance.

#### Tickets

For more information on tickets, group sales or other special offers, please contact us at 212-707-8566 Ext. 307, or [BoxOffice@DCINY.org](mailto:BoxOffice@DCINY.org).

#### Contact & Interviews

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