



## The Single Singers

*The Global A Cappella Community Comes Alive at the London A Cappella Festival 2012*

**What happens when you combine the powers of social media and a passion for a cappella singing? Meet the Single Singers, a group that was set-up using the power of internet and the strong a cappella community to find 'single' singers from across the world.**

### About the founder

*I am Annemarie Homan, from the Netherlands. I have been making music for as long as I can remember. I got my first taste of close harmony/a cappella singing when I went to university 20 years ago and that was also the time I first heard and sang arrangements by the Swingle Singers. 3 years ago I moved to Italy to start a B&B with my husband. I love living in the Italian countryside, but the level of a cappella singing that I*

*was used to in The Netherlands is very difficult to find here.*

### What first inspired you to set up the group?

*In September 2011, I went to the Solevoci Camp near Florence, Italy where the **Swingle Singers** hosted 4 days of workshops, discussions, singing and a beautiful concert. There were a couple of (very good!) Italian vocal groups there and because I had travelled alone, I was a bit jealous of them. I wanted to sing! Lucky for me there were a few others who had come on their own, so we got together and started improvising. We had so much fun and immensely enjoyed each other's musical company. We even worked up the courage to do some improvising in front of the whole group which turned into a "thank you"-song for the Swingle Singers!*

*When I decided to go to the LACF 2012, again on my own, I thought: how cool would it be to get the other 'single' a cappella lovers who are coming to the festival together and form a group of our own, so we too can sing at the festival?!*

### What methods did you use to recruit singers?

*My Dutch friend Emily May't Hoen jumped at the idea of getting all the 'single' singers together and we set it loose on the internet. We used Facebook and Twitter*

*networks to promote The Single Singers as we are now called. After a slow start, we have about 20 singers!*

### Who have you got in the group?

*Our group has become very international. We started out with two Dutch girls and now we have singers from the Netherlands, Italy, UK, Sweden, Norway and the USA (Corey Slutsky)! We are amateurs and professionals, singers currently without a vocal group, but also singers from renowned groups as **The Magnets** (Jes Sadler), **Montezuma's Revenge** (Hans Cassa), **Apes & Babes** and **reSOUND** to name just a few. We even have enough men!*

### How are you preparing for the festival?

*Because we are kind of living in the future right now, we communicate through Facebook, Twitter and e-mail. We use Dropbox to distribute all the files (scores, midi-files, mp3s). Everyone is now studying their parts at home, on the train, on the plane, anywhere. And we hope we can put everything together once we are all in London.*

### What do you think is so special about a cappella that brings people together?

*That's a very good question. I think the fact that a cappella is made with 'just' voices is a great part of*

*the attraction. We all have a voice, singers seek each other out to try and sing something together. Another thing is that a cappella is hardly ever heard through the mainstream channels and that sometimes hurts us a little. But it also makes us feel special. Like it's our own little secret. A secret however that we love to share and we are always looking to find new initiates!*

### What are you looking forward to most about LACF 2012 (in addition to the Single Singers' performance of course!)?

*I am really looking forward to finally meeting all the Single Singers and other a cappella lovers that I know only via Facebook and e-mail. I look forward to meeting all the other a cappella fans and just having a brilliant time in London!*

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**The Single Singers will be performing at the London A Cappella Festival on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 10:15pm (FREE EVENT) after the Swingle Singers' grand finale concert.**

