



## Stockton to Host Quarterfinals in International Competition of Collegiate a Cappella on Feb. 14

Stockapella Among 10 Competitors Including Rutgers, Ramapo, Monmouth

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**Galloway Township, NJ** - The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is hosting one of this year's Varsity Vocals' International Competition of Collegiate a Cappella (ICCA) Mid-Atlantic quarterfinals. The event will be held in the Performing Arts Center on **Saturday, Feb. 14**.

For a growing national a cappella community, the ICCA is the most significant yearly event. There are five Mid-Atlantic quarterfinals, with two winners from each going to the Mid-Atlantic semifinals, leading up to the winner of each region competing in the finals in New York City.

In mainstream culture, the ICCAs gained popular recognition when the movie "Pitch Perfect" was released in 2012. The movie, starring Anna Kendrick, is based around a college a Cappella group and the ICCAs.

"Stockton is relatively new to the ICCAs," said Dr. Neil Aaronson, associate professor of Physics, who oversees Stockton's three student a cappella groups. "Over the past few years, we have been working hard to make a name for ourselves on the a cappella stage, and our work has been paying off. As a cappella becomes more popular at the high school level as well, we hope that our success will help attract new and talented students to Stockton."

With the Mid-Atlantic region having the densest population of competitive a Cappella groups, Stockton will host schools from the immediate area. Stockton's own Stockapella will be competing, and the school's other two a Cappella ensembles, Stockata and the Stocktones, will serve as hosts and emcees. The competing groups include:

4GotteN SuitCase | Ramapo College of New Jersey  
Casual Harmony | Rutgers University  
Deep Treble | Rutgers University  
Interchorus | St. Mary's College of Maryland  
Sea Sharps | Monmouth University

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Stockapella | The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey  
The Deaftones | Westminster Choir College  
The Loyola Belles | Loyola University Maryland  
The Stilettoes | University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
The Trentones | The College of New Jersey

The event will be held on Feb. 14 at Stockton's Performing Arts Center at 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Absecon, NJ. The competition begins at 7 p.m. Tickets and selectable seating is available on the PAC's website at [Stockton.edu/pac](http://Stockton.edu/pac). Tickets cost \$25 for non-students and tickets for students using their ID card cost \$20.

For our patrons with special needs, the Stockton Performing Arts Center offers wheelchair accessible seating, large type programs, and listening assistive devices. Please identify any needs you may have when making a reservation.

**The Stockton Performing Arts Center**, the Jersey Shore's Center for the Arts, is located on the campus of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, on Vera King Farris Drive, just off Jimmie Leeds Road, in Galloway Township. Just 12 miles west of Atlantic City, the center is easily accessible from the Garden State Parkway and the Atlantic City Expressway.

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