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Pitch perfect: MacEwan's A Cappella Ensemble concert performance

Edmonton – People have been singing a cappella (music without instrumental accompaniment) for hundreds of years, combining their voices to create beautiful vocal harmonies. MacEwan University's A Cappella Ensemble performance will bring those beautiful harmonies to the stage.

Third-year student, Janice Jacobs, says rehearsals have been going great. "My ear training has really kicked up a notch, because of the pieces that were chosen," she says. "The thing that draws me to a cappella is that the music is all from the voice. It's so cool how many different sounds you can make and the effects you can use to change a song."

"By using their voices alone, the students are able to experiment with vocal tones to create their own groove," says John McMillan, instructor, Bachelor of Music. "A cappella fits well with our curriculum because it allows students to explore multiple genres, from jazz to popular music."

"The stage feels like home to me and once I'm up there I don't want to leave," says Jacobs. "Even on the worst days, it makes my soul happy. I love connecting with the audience."

About MacEwan University's Bachelor of Music program:

Anyone familiar with the music scene in western Canada knows you can't go far without running into a graduate of MacEwan University's Music program. But, before these talented, hard-working artists make records, light up stages and play clubs and concert halls, they spend years on campus learning their craft and developing their talent.

Spaces for teaching music have vastly different requirement from the average classroom. Ensemble rooms in Allard Hall allow groups of students learning the same instrument to gather for hands-on classes. Sound-resistant spaces, drum labs, teaching studios, recording studios and audio production suites, and other spaces designed with music students in mind will help kick start their careers.

When: March 16

Where: Betty Andrews Recital Hall, Allard Hall (11110-104 Avenue)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Price: Adult: \$15, Seniors (60+): \$10, Students: \$5

tickets@macewan.ca

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University inspires its students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personal learning experiences. Offering more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training, the university provides a transformative education in a creative, collaborative and supportive learning environment where creativity and innovation thrive. Located in Edmonton, Alberta Canada, MacEwan University offers a unique student experience that opens up diverse pathways for achievement and growth.

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