



## CATCH THE CHOIR WHO “LOST THE BATTLE”, BUT THEN WON GOLD!

EkkA’s evening program EkkA IgNITES will this year proudly feature the **Canterbury College Cantabile Choir**,

From Friday 8 August to Saturday 16 August, Queenslanders have the chance to catch the magic of the girls’ choir who was controversially eliminated from Channel 7’s “Battle of the Choirs” television show in the very first episode, only to settle the score when they recently made a triumphant return home from the largest choir competition in the world with a with a **GOLD MEDAL!**

The World Choir Games (WCG), held in Graz, Austria, involved over 450 choirs and 20,000 singers from over 90 nations. The 25-voice girls’ choir competed in three sections of the World Choir Games bringing home one gold medal and two silvers for Australia.

The Canterbury College Cantabile Choir have long been an internationally respected choir, having won three silver medals in both the 2006 WCG in China and the 2004 WCG in Germany. In 2008, however, they were however determined to do one better.

“Winning gold this time was the most amazing feeling. It is hard to describe the pride and elation we felt, not only for ourselves, but for our school and for Australia,” says Cantabile Choir Director, Mrs Susan Gouchee.

In the lead up to the WCG, Cantabile also competed at the *Summa Cum Laude Music Festival* in Vienna, where they were awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall and were one of only three youth choirs from around the world to be given a rating of “Outstanding Success” – which is the highest achievement level possible.

The choir’s outstanding results internationally are even more noteworthy given their recent shock elimination for Channel 7’s “Battle of the Choirs” program. This remarkable contradiction in standards tends to confirm public opinion that the judging process on “Battle of the Choirs” was questionable.

Cantabile were able to put some of their television experience with ‘Battle of the Choirs’ to good use when they had the honour of opening the ‘We Are the World’ TV show for the World Choir Games, which will be broadcast internationally later in July.

The choir will be the opening act of EkkA IgNITES, and can be watched performing nightly in the Energex Community Area.

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