

# Vocal Asia Festival 2018

## ⊙ About Vocal Asia Festival

On the subject of Asian contemporary vocal music, Vocal Asia Festival (VAF) is one of the biggest A Cappella music festivals around the world, including workshops, master classes, forums, open stages and concerts. To exhibit the diversity of Asian music, VAF sets itself as a "moving festival", traveling between different cities around Asia. VAF was held in Taipei (Taiwan), Shenzhen (China), Taoyuan (Taiwan), Gwangju (Korea), Shanghai(China), Taitung(Taiwan) and Hong Kong from 2011 to 2017.

This year, the festival will be held in Hsinchu, Taiwan from August 16 to August 19. VAF brings singers around Asia together to express and exchange their own specific culture and music experience, and learn from not only the master groups and instructors but also from each other.

## ⊙ Feature of This Year

- Learn and perform at Hsinchu's most playful shopping mall – Big City.
- The true American country music with Home Free.
- One of a kind world music female quartet – Women of the World.
- Experience the traditional culture of Hsinchu – Hakka music.
- The concert and workshops related to the theme of this year : Folk song.
- More performances for you to enjoy whether you're on or off the stage!

## ⊙ City & Venue

Hsinchu was once the hometown of simple and honest Hakka people, but now it's also the hometown of new immigrants who come to work for the high-tech companies in Hsinchu Science Park.

Far Eastern Group has devoted to the whole-selling and retailing industries in Hsinchu for a long time. This time the group gathers the strength of SOGO, A.Mart, City Super and Far Eastern Telecommunication to make the best use of the synergy. Hence, it presents "Far Eastern Big City Shopping Malls", which is full of positive and pleasant energy, to Hsinchu inhabitants who deserve to indulge themselves with the best.

## ⦿ Festival Schedule

	Aug 16 (Thu)	Aug 17 (Fri)	Aug 18 (Sat)	Aug 19 (Sun)
Morning		Workshop	Workshop	Workshop
Afternoon	Registration	Workshop	Workshop	Aca Day
		Big City Stage	Big City Stage	
Evening	Asian Cup Competition	Hakkappella! Concert	Gala Concert	Farewell Party

- Subject to change. Please visit [vaf.vocalasia.com](http://vaf.vocalasia.com) for updated.

## ⦿ Workshop Instructors

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Home Free (USA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● World-renowned American country music vocal group</li> <li>● The Champion of Sing-off season 4 (2013)</li> <li>● Line-up of London A Cappella Festival (2017) Girona A Cappella Festival (2017)</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Women Of The World (USA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The one and only all-female cross-culture a cappella group</li> <li>● World champion of Harmony Sweepstakes (2014), and International A Cappella competition OPEN by Varsity Vocals (2017)</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ahti Paunu (FI)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Founding member of world-renowned Finnish A Cappella ensemble - Rajaton</li> <li>● Singer, composer, arranger, educator</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Andrea Figallo (IT/DE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Former member of The Flying Pickets and the Wise Guys.</li> <li>● Singer, conductor, song-writer, arranger, producer, educator</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Yu-Wei Hsieh (TW)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Singer, song-writer, radio and television host and producer, visual artist, and actor.</li> <li>● Member of the Committee Board at the Mandarin Musicians Society</li> <li>● Advisor at the Hakka Affairs Council.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jia-Ching Lai (TW)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Artistic Director of O-Kai Singers</li> <li>● Assistant Professor at Graduate Institute of Performing Arts, National Taiwan Normal University</li> <li>● Host of A Cappella radio program</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sung Mo Han (KR)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Educator, Producer, Author, Event Organizer</li> <li>● Education Advisor of Vocal Asia.</li> <li>● Korea A Cappella Education Society, President.</li> </ul>	

- All workshops will be taught in English.
- Workshops schedule will be released on **April 10**, and selection will begin on **May 30**.
- Please visit [vaf.vocalasia.com/workshop](http://vaf.vocalasia.com/workshop) for workshop details.

## ⊙ 2018 Asian Cup A Cappella Competition

In order to develop contemporary A Cappella music and encourage people to refine and share their music, Vocal Asia is organizing the Asian Cup A Cappella competition. We hope to ignite singers' passion through this competition. Plus, aside from receiving the prize of 60,000NTD, the champion will be invited to Shanghai A Cappella Festival in 2019.

-Please check [here](#) for competition regulation.

-Application will be closed on June 10.

## ⊙ Concert

### ***Big City Stage / Aug. 17 & 18 (Fri. & Sat.) 17:00-18:00***

Transforming the shopping mall into a concert hall with your voices! Plenty of open stages can be found at different corners of the Big City during the festival. Every participant is welcome to be the performer or audience.

### ***Hakkappella! Concert / Aug. 17 (Fri.) 19:30***

Music of Taiwan reflects its specific history background and culture diversity. As one of various style of folk music in Taiwan, Hakka music has its one-of-a-kind inclusiveness and evolutionary. In this concert, we try prompt a different expression with vocal music, reinvent the beauty of Hakka music, and compare / crossover with other great folk music from different culture.

### ***Gala Concert / Aug. 18 (Sat.) 19:30***

Featuring the world renowned master group – Home Free, and the champion group of 2018 Asian Cup A Cappella Competition.

### ***Aca Day / Aug. 19 (Sun.) 15:00-18:00***

It is the day where groups get to share music with the local citizens and tourists at various spots around Hsinchu. Sign up to join ACA Day!

## ⊙ Coming by yourself? Join the Single Singers

Never feel lonely again at the festival for singing! Learn your parts at home, meet new friends at the festival, have rehearsals and one glorious performance at VAF. Enjoy the fun of making new friends just as much as singing new music!

## ⊙ Festival Pass

- The best way to participate in Vocal Asia Festival is to get a “4 Days Pass” which you can join every workshops, concerts and events. **Limited numbers of the pass are available, first come first serve, so get it before it’s gone!**
- Single pass (1 workshop) / 1 Day Pass are also available for those who cannot join entire festival.
- For groups that wish to receive a coaching sessions, please note each session is 70 minutes, and it is **NOT** included in the festival pass. Group Coaching Pass should be purchased separately.

Festival Pass		
Pass	Fee	Highlights
<b>4 Days Pass</b> <i>Adult</i>	\$460 USD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 12 Workshops</li> <li>✓ Concert tickets</li> <li>✓ Farewell party</li> <li>✓ Accommodation (4 nights / breakfast included.)</li> </ul>
<b>4 Days Pass</b> <i>Student</i>	\$410 USD	
<b>1 Day Pass</b> <i>Per person</i>	\$150 USD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 5 Workshops</li> <li>✓ 1 Concert ticket</li> </ul>
<b>Single Pass</b> <i>Per person</i>	\$50 USD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 1 selected workshop</li> </ul>
<b>Coaching Pass</b> <i>Per group</i>	\$150 USD	

Special Offer!		
<b>A</b>	<b>4 Days Pass – Early Bird Discount</b>  <b><u>Before April 30</u></b>	<b>Adult/Student → \$ 370 USD</b>  <u>Limited numbers of bed are available, first come first serve.</u>
<b>B</b>	<b>4 Days Pass – Without Accommodation</b>	<b>Adult → \$320 USD</b> <b>Student → \$270 USD</b>

## ⊙ Application

Please click [here](#) for the application form.

\*For groups that wish to receive coaching sessions, please note the order of session selection is based on the order of application submission.

## ⊙ Payment

- All payments shall be made by **Paypal**.
- Payment link can be found at the last part of application form.
- Application is valid only upon receipt of the fee.
- Refunds:

Refund	Deadline
Get 90%	Before April 30
Get 60%	Before May 30
Get 30%	Before June 30

## ⊙ Important Dates

March 12, 2018 – Application begin

April 30, 2018 – Early bird application and payment **deadline**

May 30, 2018 – Workshop selection begin

June 10, 2018 – Regular application and payment **deadline**

June 30, 2018 – Workshop selection deadline

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