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VOCALOSITY, THE A CAPPELLA EXPERIENCE FROM THE PRODUCER OF *PITCH PERFECT*, COMES TO IU AUDITORIUM OCTOBER 20

Local submissions being accepted to be the opening act

WHAT: *Vocalosity*

WHEN: October 20, 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: IU Auditorium

TICKETS: \$13–\$36 for IU Bloomington students with a valid student ID or children and \$23–\$41 for the general public, on sale now. Individual tickets may be purchased online at IUauditorium.com, in person at the IU Auditorium Box Office, as well as through Ticketmaster.com or charge by phone at (800) 745-3000. The IU Auditorium Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – *Vocalosity*, the all-new, family-friendly a cappella concert experience from artistic director Deke Sharon (*Pitch Perfect*, *The Sing-Off*), will hit the IU Auditorium stage Thursday, October 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Vocalosity features an all-star team of 10 diverse young vocalists singing dynamic arrangements of some of today's chart-topping songs—setting a new standard for 10-part harmony with rocking riffs and exceptional energy. The group released their debut album on January 15, 2016 and since then embarked on a national tour, sharing their talents in an exhilarating evening of song with audiences all over the country.

No genre of music is off limits in this high-powered performance. Under the artistic direction of Deke Sharon, *Vocalosity* tackles everything from classical choral arrangements to bouncing doo-wop classics to current hits from artists such as The Beatles and Bruno Mars.

Called the “father of contemporary a cappella,” Deke Sharon built his a cappella career as a singer, arranger, director, and producer. His legacy in the a cappella world includes serving as arranger, on-site

music director and vocal producer for Universal's *Pitch Perfect* and *Pitch Perfect 2*, and is the producer for NBC's *The Sing-Off* worldwide.

In the weeks leading up to the performance, IU Auditorium is giving away the chance for one lucky a cappella group to perform as the opening act for *Vocalosity* when they come to Bloomington, IN on October 20.

Submissions are being accepted now. Here's how to enter:

- Record your group singing a 1-2 minute musical arrangement of any contemporary song and upload to YouTube
- Email the link to: Info@VocalosityOnTour.com
- 3 finalists will be chosen and their videos will be judged by the creative team of *Vocalosity*.
- The winner will be announced on October 5.
- Submission Deadline is September 29.

"*Vocalosity* is one of the most incredible shows this season," said IU Auditorium Director Doug Booher. "*Vocalosity's* take on modern a cappella will captivate audiences of all ages. Not only does the ensemble create some truly unparalleled a cappella arrangements, but it's additionally special that these artists will share the stage with a local ensemble as the opening act."

In addition to the performance, creator Deke Sharon will also be travelling to Bloomington to lead a series of educational outreach activities with local vocal ensembles and IU students. Specific activities will be announced on IUauditorium.com.

For more information on *Vocalosity* and the rest of the 2016–2017 season, visit IUauditorium.com. The website features video clips and a selection of songs from this season's performances, in addition to a direct link to the IU Auditorium Facebook and Twitter pages, whose members receive exclusive benefits throughout the year.

Vocalosity at IU Auditorium is presented with the support of show partners Lamar Outdoor Advertising, Riley Physicians at IU Health, and Jo Throckmorton Filmworks. IU Auditorium's 2016–2017 season is presented by Curry Auto Center, B97, *The Herald-Times*, IU Division of Residential Programs and Services, and CFC Properties.

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