

SINGING WORKSHOP in LANTZVILLE

with

Tony Backhouse

from

New Zealand/Australia coming here to Nanaimo to do a workshop for us!

When-Monday Aug 31, 6:30-9:30 pm. (I know, it's a Monday nite, but it is the only time he can fit it in, he leaves Vancouver Wed morning)

Where- St Philip's Church in Lantzville

Fee- \$20 in advance, paid by Aug 28, \$25 at the door.

Cheques for advance registration must be received by Friday Aug 28. (you will need to mail it no later than Wed, Aug 26)

Make cheques payable to:

Shirley Whitelaw,

7005 Leland Rd, Lantzville, BC V0R 2H0

This workshop is available to anyone, so please let your friends know about it.

Tony Backhouse founded Australia's foremost *a cappella* gospel choir Café of the Gate of Salvation in 1986, and directed it for 21 years. He arranged and composed the bulk of their repertoire and still writes music regularly for them. He has directed and sung with reclusive male *a cappella* trio Heavenly Lights since 1996. In demand for his inspiring teaching style, Tony has run more than 2000 vocal workshops throughout the world for the public, for festivals, schools, universities, churches, organisations and corporate training events. He now lives in New Zealand.

Tony Backhouse

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Tony has run over 2000 vocal workshops since 1987. He regularly runs workshops for those who want harmony, fun, collective improvisation and freedom of expression. The content focuses the African-American repertoire, spirituals, gospel songs old and new, choral and quartet styles, and often including South African gospel, doo-wop, R&B and pop. All the songs used in Tony's workshops are his transcriptions or arrangements. (Workshops can run over an entire weekend or for an evening.)

He has run training sessions for choirs and *a cappella* quartets, and taught seminars on gospel music history and vocal arranging. Since the year 2000 he has taught every year at the top singing and songwriting camp in Australia, Summersong. He has worked with many community choirs in Australia and New Zealand, and has run workshops at festivals, in educational institutions and in the corporate sector for enterprises such as BNZ and the All Blacks. Several choirs have formed out of his workshops, and many of his students have gone on to direct choirs and run vocal workshops.

Tony regularly travels throughout Australia and New Zealand leading public workshops, and also appearing at festivals. He has taught at institutions (Waikato Polytechnic, NZ School of Music, Kahurangi Performing Arts College, and many secondary schools in Australia and New Zealand).

Here are some YouTube clips of Tony and groups singing his arrangements.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-TIz_hafi8&feature=related

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOFrtiA4fOc&feature=related>

These ones are groups singing Tony Backhouse arrangements:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPDUrRjaYoc&feature=related>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4mjjXTwbQo>