## HALO VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Directed by powerhouse Liona Tatafu, HALO Vocal Ensemble features a diverse lineup of artists from different communities across Melbourne to perform collaboratively & simultaneously on one stage. The ensemble put a modern spin on the definition of choir, bringing a new sound to the masses. The transcendent performances of HALO Vocal Ensemble bring together the favorite voices of the city in a collaborative and collective space. With each ethereal harmony, the combined energy, and talent create a memorable experience for audiences.

The ensemble features a rotating lineup of vocalists, each established as solo artists in their own right.

Previous artists who have performed with HALO include talents like Thando, Michaela Jayde, Soli, Jaydean, SKYE, and more. The ensemble consistently brings together an array of incredible talent for their live shows, ensuring a captivating and awe-inspiring experience.

In the past year, they have included artists such as Keanu Finau, Lucinda Franco, Nicolas Duquemin, Tyra Lewis, Emma Volard, Anisha Senaratne, Zoe Koulbanis, Ally Eley, Gideon D. Wilonja, Helena (Lhēon), Tae, Strictly D.T, Liona Tatafu, Harry Tinney, and MzRizk. Each artist contributes their unique vocal talents to create an evening of awe-inspiring vocal gymnastics, showcasing the diverse and remarkable talent within the ensemble.

HALO Vocal Ensemble has garnered considerable success, with sold-out shows at notable events like Melbourne Music Week x Melbourne Museum Summer Plaza Series in January 2021 and Melbourne International Jazz Festival in 2021. They have also performed at various events, including MOOMBA, Christmas Choirs at Federation Square, Hume Winter Lights Festival, Megamix at Hamer Hall with Baker Boy, 24 Festival, Darebin Community Awards, Vic Health Promotion Awards, and Molly Hadfield Social Justice Oration.

In 2022, HALO Vocal Ensemble presented two remarkable solo shows. "Live at The Night Cat" featured over 30 artists on stage, creating a spectacular performance. They also paid tribute to Sister Act I and Sister Act II: Back In The Habit, performing reimagined arrangements from the Sister Act Songbook with a live band. The audience was taken to church that evening as they clapped and sang along to beloved songs like "Oh Happy Day," "Joyful Joyful," and "Hail Holy Queen."

HALO Vocal Ensemble are back with the highly anticipated return of their innovative live performances on July 7, 2023. Taking over the Kindred Bandroom, the collaborative supergroup will bring together some of Melbourne's leading singers, musicians, and DJ MzRizk, to perform reimagined arrangements of modern RnB, Soul, Jazz, Gospel and Hip Hop while paying tribute to RnB royalty Kanye West, Chaka Khan, Outkast, Kirk Franklin, Nina Simone and Destiny's Child. The Halo Vocal Academy will make their debut performance with the Ensemble and Jaydean will be opening the event. Expect to be blown away by Melbourne's greatest voices.

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