

What You Should Know – Theatre Ticketing

We have received many queries about purchasing tickets for individual contest and show events from individuals who are not registered for the convention and do not expect to register. The following presents background on the reasons why individual ticket sales are not yet on sale for the Great Pacific Harmony-2008-Pan Pacific Convention.

The Hawaii Theatre, the contest and show venue in Honolulu is the only theatre that offered the technical capacity as well as availability at the time we had to finalize a contract that fit the convention schedule. The Theatre is a first class facility that has undergone extensive modernization with excellent sound quality and visibility throughout. However, seating capacity is limited and there is no elevator. Those two factors, as well as technical requirements, are the principal reasons we had to decide on a closed sale when negotiating the theatre contract. For example, the registration Team's goal is to seat all competing Choruses and Quartets together. However, fire rules drive seating location for people with special needs. Thus it is possible to have a chorus seated in the second floor loge while several of its members are in handicap seating in the orchestra. Technical requirements; sound, video, etc, occupy space further reducing seating availability. With over 800 registrations received and more coming in we would be remiss if we began selling seats before we have certainty on availability.

In an earlier version of this release, we announced that seating for the Saturday night Quartet Finals and The Show of Champions would be the only seats available for sale. We are pleased to announce that we will extend sales to include the Saturday daytime Chorus competition. As before, information on ordering tickets for either the Saturday daytime Chorus Competition or the Saturday night Quartet Finals and The Show of Champions will be available at the registration and Information tables on October 30, 2008. The tables will be located in Convention Headquarters, at the Ala Moana Hotel, Second Floor Mezzanine adjacent to the escalator. Tickets for each event will be sold separately and will be available for purchase up to the start of each event.

We hope that sufficient seating for guests who are not registered will be available and we invite you to visit us at the information table on Thursday, October 30, 2008.