

## The School at AIPA presents Vocal Fusion Masterclasses Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 FACT SHEET

### WHAT IS THIS PROJECT ABOUT?

The Australian Institute for Performing Arts (AIPA) is proud to offer passionate singers the opportunity to work with a top US producer either through private lessons or as part of a masterclass. During the masterclasses singers work as soloists (one – on – one) each day. Each singer will work on a song over the week ready for performance on Saturday afternoon for family, teachers and friends. When talent meets opportunity - success prevails. When a talented and dedicated singer works with an accomplished and amazing US producer and coach, Vocal Fusion occurs! This program is designed to give students an opportunity to take their vocal performance to a whole new level by exploring their sound and seeing how their training can be used to capitalize their appeal and get an idea of where they stand in the professional market place. This project is ideal as a stand-alone course or as solid preparation for AIPA's proven vocal artist development. We are proud to work with Stevie who has produced some outstanding artists and is currently engaged as a vocal coach on America's Got Talent ® and American Idol ® .

### WHO IS THIS PROJECT FOR?

The masterclasses are not designed for students new to singing. They are ideal for students who have regular singing lessons, have good vocal technique and understand safe voice practice. Students who have dreams of being professional performers will love this course and should begin to realize their potential. Students will have a one-on-one session each day within the group session and be involved in every facet of the lesson. A super supportive environment will be created from the first session and the group will experience first-hand the changes that each singer achieves. Students will learn an amazing amount by watching and then trying the techniques displayed.

### HOW WILL THE GROUPS BE DIVIDED?

There will be three groups. Students will be put into the correct group by Stevie. Please note that his decision is final, he has asked you to trust his professional opinion.

Vocal Fusion Juniors (Yrs 4 – 7).	Eight places	10.00am – 12.30pm
Vocal Fusion Teens (Yrs 7 – 12).	Fourteen places	1.15pm – 5.00pm
Vocal Fusion Pre-professional.	Eight places	6.00pm – 8.30pm

### HOW DO I KNOW WHICH GROUP TO ENROL IN?

if you are known to AIPA as a vocalist please call to discuss which group is best for you. If we haven't worked with you before, you are required to submit an audition tape prior to enrolling to make sure that you are of the level Stevie works with. Stevie will review the tapes. If you are accepted, you will be told which group you have been placed into. You must be available to attend that time. The audition tape can be shot on an iPhone, picture quality isn't essential, but sound is. You need to submit your audition as a link using Youtube, Vimeo, Facebook etc.

**Pre-Professional group:** This group is designed for those who have worked with Stevie before, are School Spec or Southern Stars soloists or have professional recording/performance credits.

### WHEN IS THIS PROJECT RUNNING IN 2018?

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.



### WHO ARE THE TUTORS?

The team is led by Stevie Bensussen from Los Angeles. Stevie has written and produced albums for a range of multi-platinum recording artists. Stevie's successes are many but include **three #1 records** and **four top ten records in the UK**. He has had **three top-forty albums in the U.S.** and has **sold over 20 million records worldwide**. Stevie is **signed to Warner Chappell Music as a writer/ producer** and to **RCA records as a recording artist**. Stevie has written for **J-Lo, Janet Jackson, Shikira, Paula Abdul** and many more. He has worked with **Chris Brown, Michael Jackson, Justin Bieber** and loads more.

Stevie is currently working as a vocal coach for both **AMERICA'S GOT TALENT ®** and **AMERICAN IDOL**. He arranged and coached **Girl's United**. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hEifJE-44sk> to top ten on XFactor USA.

Stevie has the rare ability as a songwriter to write for any kind of music successfully, from Pop to Rock, R&B, Dance and Country. As a producer in the recording studio or in live performance, Stevie has the gift to take the artist to the level they need to be on, regardless of the style of music. Stevie will be assisted by a team of AIPA staff to ensure the smooth running of the project.

### WHO OR WHAT IS THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE FOR PERFORMING ARTS?

The Australian Institute for Performing Arts is an incorporated company in California and a Pty Ltd company in Australia that provides training, productions, talent development, performance opportunities and international projects to talented individuals in all performing arts disciplines. This course will be run by The School at AIPA. We have hundreds of testimonials that you would be more than welcome to look at and check. AIPA has a wonderful reputation both in Australia and the US for offering unique industry-based training opportunities and preparing performers for audition at the highest caliber. The industry acclaim in the US for the projects that have run and the caliber of professionals who are happy to teach year after year is testament to the success of these projects and AIPA's dedication to talent development. You can read more about AIPA on the website [www.aipa.com.au](http://www.aipa.com.au) or [www.aiptdp.com.au](http://www.aiptdp.com.au)



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**WHAT DOES THE MASTERCLASS COST?**

The cost of the masterclass for the week is A\$350.00 for the junior group and the pre-professionals and A\$560.00 for the teens. The cost includes tuition, materials, the performance, a one-on-one sit down feedback session on Saturday with Stevie (attended by the student, their parents/guardian/singing teacher). You also receive before and after footage shot & edited for you.

**HOW MUCH IS A PRIVATE LESSON?**

A private lesson is A\$350.00 per hour. Students who take three private lessons will have the option to perform on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October. You are welcome to record parts of your private lessons. Please gain Stevie's permission as a professional courtesy.

**WHERE IS THE COURSE BEING HELD?**

The course is being held at AIPA Studios – Unit 4/ 2 George Place, Artarmon NSW 2064. (Cnr of Broughton Rd). This is on Sydney's lower north shore. There is street parking available. The nearest railway station is Artarmon, which is an easy five-minute walk to us.

**HOW DOES THE SATURDAY WORK?**

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October each student will be allocated a time to come in and have a one-on-one feedback meeting with Stevie at AIPA (This is optional). All students will then be required to be at a sound check at 2.00pm at the Freeway Hotel, with the performance commencing there at 4.30pm. The venue is a three-minute drive from AIPA. The venue has underground and street parking. 115 Reserve Rd, Artarmon NSW 2064. We highly recommend the venue for lunch between the one-on-one with Stevie and the sound check. It is a good 'pub style' bistro.

**HOW DO I APPLY?**

All applicants apply by calling The School at AIPA on 02 9966 5013 or 02 9966 0353. The person making the enrolment must be the card holder. You will need to provide a few contact details and will be emailed a confirmation.

**IF I AM NOT FROM SYDNEY, DO YOU OFFER ACCOMMODATION AND OVERNIGHT SUPERVISION?**

No, but we can make recommendations, please call the AIPA office for details. We also have a system that works well. We ask another student to pick you up from the airport/train station and billet you. In return you pay for them to do the course. There should be no additional costs. This works well for both singers. You have a place to stay, are fed and have someone to hang out with; they don't need to pay for their course. We will put you in touch and you then decide from there if the other person is a good fit for you. AIPA takes no responsibility for the actions of the artist, their family or friends. Any agreement is between you and the other singer exclusively.

**CAN YOU RECOMMEND A HOTEL WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF AIPA?**

Yes, the **Royal Pacific on Pacific Hwy at Artarmon** is our preferred hotel. Any hotel near a railway station will also work for you as Artarmon station is an easy walk. Chatswood and St Leonards have great choices for hotels and serviced apartments and are both only one station away.

**IF I WANT TO GO TO LA AND WORK WITH AIPA ON A RECORDING ARTIST VOCAL EXTENSION (RAVE) HOW DO I DO THAT?**

We suggest that you take Vocal Fusion and speak to Stevie on Saturday during your feedback session.

**IF I HAVE QUESTIONS, WHAT DO I DO?**

Ask us! We strongly encourage you to contact us through the contact form on this website or by calling us.  
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