



## March - April 2024 Newsletter

### **A (very) busy start to the year!**

After a month of rehearsals, I hope everyone is settling into their choir groups happily. It has been a really busy start of the year for main Choir and YVMen with a rehearsal camp and a great performance at the Prime Minister's reception for the ASEAN leaders already behind us, two performances of Mahler's 3rd Symphony with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra next week, and then tour to the National Folk Festival in Canberra at the end of March. It's a very busy time, but it's also great for our singers to have these opportunities.

### **Senior Training Choir Camp: 22nd - 24th March**

Our annual rehearsal camp for Senior Training Choir is a compulsory and important part of our program, where singers develop their skills, learn new repertoire, learn to work together and get to know each other. And it's all a lot of fun! All choir members are expected to attend, and we assume that your child will be there unless we hear from you well in advance of the camp. The camp form has been emailed to families, and a copy is available at Choir Genius. Please read the camp form carefully, and don't forget to let us know if you would like to be picked up/dropped off at the Ferntree Gully Road meeting point. Please note that there is no Monday rehearsal for Senior Training Choir on 25th March after camp.

### **Mahler Performances**

Main Choir will be performing Mahler's 3rd Symphony with the MSO at Hamer Hall on 14th and 16th March. The final performance information has been emailed to choir families, and a copy of this document is available at Choir Genius. Please note that there is no rehearsal for YVMen and Choir members not doing Mahler on Thursday 14th March.

### **Choir and YVMen Tour to the National Folk Festival**

A preliminary Itinerary and packing list has been emailed to families. If you missed this you can find it at Choir Genius. Prior to tour everyone will be sent a Tour Book with all itinerary details and other tour information.

A reminder that the final tour balance of \$800 was due on 1st March.

### **Free Concert with YVM and Malcolm Dalglish - Tuesday 26th March**

YVM will be having a free concert for YVM families at Armadale Baptist Church, 88 Kooyong Rd Armadale at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26th March. Choir and YVMen will be rehearsing with Malcolm from 6.00 - 7.00pm and then we will be sharing our music with families at 7.30pm. This rehearsal and concert is for all Choir and YVMen members and not just touring choir people.

### **Choir Genius**

Choir Genius is there to help families with communications and other important information. You can find current and past newsletters, camp notices, performance notices, tour information and recordings of some repertoire to help with learning. This is your first place to look for YVM information, so if you need help using Choir Genius, please let us know.

### **Term Dates**

We do not have rehearsals in the school holidays and the final rehearsals for the term and first rehearsals for term 2 are listed in the calendar below.

# March - April 2024 Calendar

CHOIR = main choir members  
SMALL GROUP = small group of  
main choir members (to be advised)



BTC = Beginning Training Choir  
JTC = Junior Training Choir  
STC = Senior Training Choir

PLEASE NOTE: All choir members are expected to attend all choir concerts. However, if it is impossible for you to attend please make a written apology, at least one month prior to the concert. This is essential for our concert planning, as missing persons may necessitate us changing the repertoire for concerts, arranging replacement singers etc.

## Banking details:

Young Voices of Melbourne Inc  
BSB: 013355  
Account: 308027832

Monday 11th March	Labour Day Holiday (no rehearsals)	
Tuesday 12th March	6.25 – 9.00 Mahler piano rehearsal at Hamer Hall	Choir
Wednesday 13th March	5.00 – 7.00 Mahler rehearsal with MSO Hamer Hall	Choir
Thursday 14th March	7.00 - 9.15 Mahler Performance #1 at Hamer Hall (No YVMen rehearsal tonight)	Choir
Saturday 16th March	7.00 - 9.15 Mahler Performance #2 at Hamer Hall Uniform: long sleeved black Full details in the Mahler Performance Notice at Choir Genius	Choir
22nd – 24th March	Senior Training Choir Camp (Candlebark Farm)	STC
Monday 25th March	No rehearsal for Senior Training Choir (Beginning and Junior Training Choirs rehearse as usual)	STC
Tuesday 26th March	YVM and Malcolm rehearsal and informal concert Armadale Baptist Church, 88 Kooyong Rd, Armadale Rehearsal 6.00 – 7.00 Concert for families 7.30 – 8.30	Choir & YVMen
Thursday 28th March	End term 1	
28th March – 3rd April	YVM National Folk Festival Tour 2024 Canberra Fly out Thursday 28th March 9.30pm Virgin flight Fly back in to Melbourne Wednesday 3rd April arriving 8.35am Staying: Canberra Park (near the festival site) Performing at the National Folk Festival and with the Woden Valley Youth Choir on Tuesday night.	Choir & YVMen
<b>April</b>		
Monday 15th April	Start term 2	
<b>June</b>		
Wednesday 6th June	Kodaly Choral Festival Ian Roach Hall Scotch College 6pm - 8.45pm A festival of good school and community choirs who share an interest in Kodaly based music education.	Choir& YVMen
<b>NOTE NEW DATE</b>		
Monday 10th June	Kings Birthday Holiday (no rehearsals)	
Sunday 16th June	Winter Concert – James Tatoulis Auditorium MLC School, Kew Rehearsals from 1.30pm. Concert 3.00pm	EVERYONE

Thursday 27th June	YVM Concert with Ragazzi Boys Chorus from the USA    Choir & YVMen The Edge Theatre, Fed Square 7pm Concert with rehearsals from ca 6.00pm.	
Friday 28th June	End of term 2	
<b>July</b>		
Monday 1st July	7.30 – 10.00 Carmina Burana piano rehearsal at Hamer Hall	Choir & some STC
Wednesday 3rd July	5.30 – 8.00 Carmina Burana rehearsal with MSO at Hamer Hall	Choir & some STC
Thursday 4th July	10.00 – 12.30 Carmina Burana rehearsal with MSO at Hamer Hall	Choir & some STC
	7.30 Carmina Burana performance #1 with MSO at Hamer Hall	Choir & some STC
Friday 5th July	7.30 Carmina Burana performance #2 with MSO at Hamer Hall	
Saturday 6th July	2.00pm Carmina Burana performance #3 with MSO at Hamer Hall	
Monday 15th July	Start term 3	
<b>September</b>		
Thursday 5th September	Singing up the Past: songs from the Holocaust Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium	Choir & YVMen
Saturday 7th September	Exaudi Gathering Voices Concert with guests YVMen 75 Reid Street, Fitzroy	YVMen
Sunday 8th September	Training Choirs Concert St Johns Southgate	BTC, JTC & STC
Friday 20th September	End term 3	
<b>October</b>		
Monday 7th October	Start term 4	
Monday 28th October	7.30 – 9.00 Holocaust Memorial Concert piano rehearsal Iwaki	Choir & some Exaudi
Wednesday 30th October	5.30 – 8.00 Holocaust Memorial Concert rehearsal MSO Hamer Hall	Choir & some Exaudi
Thursday 31st October	10.00 – 12.30 Holocaust Memorial Concert rehearsal Hamer Hall	Choir & some Exaudi
	7.30 Holocaust Memorial Concert performance Hamer Hall	Choir & some Exaudi
<b>November</b>		
Monday 4th November	No rehearsals (Cup Weekend)	
<b>December</b>		
Sunday 8th December	YVM Christmas Concerts Venue TBA	EVERYONE

NOTE: Exaudi dates listed separately on the Exaudi Newsletter

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