



April 2019 Newsletter

Thanks to all our helpers

Its been a busy time for the Senior Training Choir with a performance at the Premiere's Gala Dinner for Multicultural Arts Victoria, and STC camp at the end of March. Thankyou very much to those parents who volunteered their time and talents to help at these events. Thanks also to those coming on tour to WA with Choir and YVMen. If you would like to help too, please complete the form at this link, if you haven't done so yet: <https://goo.gl/forms/JqUVoYugMq4mjBas1>

Basement Jaxx Concert

Nine members of the Senior Training Choir will be on stage with electronic music duo Basement Jaxx for their forthcoming orchestral show in Melbourne at Margaret Court Arena on April 13. Should be a fun night!

Choir and YVMen Yarrowonga Performance Sunday May 19

YVM has been invited to be a special guest at a great new regional choral event, the Festival of 1,000 Voices in Yarrowonga. Choir and YVMen will be in great form after tour, and are looking forward to the road trip. Details are now on the calendar.

Winter Concerts - Picture Book and Little Picture Book June 22 & 23

Our midyear concert this year has been split in two, and will be performed in the intimate James Tatoulis Auditorium at Methodist Ladies College in Kew. Special guest is the choir's old friend Malcolm Dalglish, hammer dulcimer master and composer from the USA. Those who have heard Malcolm before will know what a wonderful treat it is to have him back in Melbourne. There will be two concerts - Exaudi, Choir and YVMen on Saturday night and Choir, YVMen and the Training Choirs on Sunday afternoon. Be warned that this is not a big hall, and demand for tickets will be high from past choir members who know and love Malcolm's music, so book your tickets early or risk missing out. Current choir families are being given booking details first before (see the calendar for details) and bookings are now open.

WA Tour: not long now ... getting excited!

Pretour Information has been emailed with the packing list, itinerary and everything you need to know and the Tour Book will be distributed in electronic and hard copy in the week before we go. Please read the Pretour information carefully so that you have everything you need for a happy and safe tour.

2020 Tour: Italy and the UK? Expressions of interest please by April 20...

Next year it will be three years since our last international tour, and I am proposing a tour in the July school holidays for about two weeks to Italy and the UK to celebrate YVM's 30th Anniversary. This would be open to all Choir and YVMen members as well as Senior Training Choir members who are in Year 6 or above this year (subject to being ready to move to choir). Estimated cost is around \$4,200 per person. As usual, a tour will only proceed if most members are able to be involved, so as a first step please let me know whether you are likely to be able to participate in this tour by 20th April.

STOP PRESS: Idea of North and YVM Christmas Concert December 14

Very exciting news is that Australia's top a cappella group the Idea of North have asked Choir and YVMen to join them in their Christmas Concert in Melbourne. This is truly something to look forward to.

April 2019 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.

Thursday 4th April	Touring Choir Only Rehearsal only 6.15 - 8.15 (no small group)	TOURING CHOIR
Friday 5th April	End of Term 1	
7th - 17th April	Choir and YVMen Tour to Western Australia	CHOIR/YVMen
Saturday 13th April	Small Group STC Performance at Basement Jaxx Concert Margaret Court Arena (details advised separately to those involved)	
Saturday 20th April	Closing date for proposed 2020 Italy and UK tour expressions of interest.	
Tuesday 23rd April	Start Term 2 (small groups on)	
Thursday 25th April	ANZAC Day holiday (no rehearsal)	
Sunday 19th May	YVM and YVMen Performance at Yarrowonga Festival of 1,000 Voices Depart Caulfield Grammar: 8.30am Return Caulfield Grammar: 8.00pm Bring: packed lunch, snacks and water bottle (dinner provided) Bring: Long sleeved black performance uniform	CHOIR/YVMen
Monday 10th June	Queens Birthday holiday - no rehearsals	
Saturday 22nd June	Picture Book (with Malcolm Dalglish) 7.30pm James Tatoulis Auditorium, MLC, Barkers Rd	CHOIR/YVMen & EXAUDI
Sunday 23rd June	Little Picture Book (with Malcolm Dalglish) 3pm James Tatoulis Auditorium, MLC, Barkers Rd Each concert - tickets \$28, \$26 and \$10 Bookings: https://www.trybooking.com/BBVPQ	EVERYONE
Friday 28th June 29th - 14th July	End Term 2 <i>Exaudi Tour to Scotland and Ireland</i>	<i>EXAUDI</i>
Monday 22nd July	Start Term 3 (note - this is a week later than usual)	
Friday 2nd August	Kodaly Junior Choral Festival Early evening, Caulfield Grammar School Wheelers Hill Campus	BTC, JTC, STC
Saturday 24th August	Choir and YVMen Concerts in Bendigo (full day)	CHOIR/YVMen
Friday 30th August	Kodaly Choral Festival (evening) Evening, Ian Roach Hall, Scotch College	CHOIR/YVMen
Sunday 8th September	Training Choirs Concert St John's Southgate	BTC, JTC, STC
Friday 20th September	End term 3	
Monday 7th October	Start term 4	
Saturday 19th October	City Sings - a day of choral singing in Melbourne	CHOIR/YVMen
Sunday 1st December	Evening Christmas Concert venue TBA	CHOIR/YVMen & EXAUDI
Sunday 8th December	Twilight Christmas Concert 5.00 - 6.30pm Ian Roach Hall, Scotch College	EVERYONE
Saturday 14th December	Idea of North and Friends Christmas Concert	CHOIR/YVMen

NOTE: Exaudi dates listed separately on the Exaudi Newsletter

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