



August 2020 Newsletter

A quiet year, but it will pass!

This is certainly not the busy 30th anniversary year we had anticipated. Choirs world wide have had to pause most of their activities while we wait until the pandemic passes. While this is of course very frustrating for all of us, and we are all very aware of the limits of getting together online, I have been most heartened by the willingness of the YVM community to keep singing, keep connected and keep committed to choir. Thankyou to everyone for this support, which will enable us to get back to full strength quickly once the pandemic passes. Although it seems at the moment like this has been going on forever, it will pass, and there will be singing adventures aplenty to look forward to.

Zooming Project

As part of our online activities this term, Juliana Kay will be writing a new multi-movement piece for all the choirs of YVM, celebrating the choral experience. In our zoom sessions each choir will be exploring ideas to create the text and melodic ideas that Juliana will use to create the new piece. It's been a fun process so far, and we look forward to having a new work to share.

Reminder: Semester Two Fees Due 8th August

Recognising that we are unable to provide the full YVM experience at the moment, and the future is still uncertain, we will be offering a 40% discount to fees this semester. Unfortunately our expenses have not reduced by anything like 40%, and we have lost income from events and performances. Our biggest expense in running our six choirs is paying our staff, and we are committed to keep paying our team as long as possible, so the only way we can offer this discount and survive is to draw on our fundraising reserves (normally used for subsidising tours and creating special opportunities for our singers.) So that we can keep YVM viable in the long term, and so that we don't deplete our valuable reserves too much we are asking those who are in a position to, to consider paying the normal semester two fees. At the same time, we do not want to lose any singers for financial reasons at the moment, so if your income has been affected by the pandemic and you are unable to pay the fees, please be in touch and we will work something out.

Training Choirs fees for Semester 2: \$200 (or normal fee \$330)

Choir/YVMen fees for Semester 2: \$265 (or normal fee \$440)

We will not be sending out invoices, except for late payers. Please pay either the full or discounted amount to our bank account and make sure your name is included in the payment advice. For those who need them, our banking details are noted on the Calendar page below.

Italy - UK Tour Refunds

We are still waiting to hear from some families so please respond if you haven't already done so.

We have received all refunds due back to us from our tour cancellation, and are able to refund touring families \$440 each. There are three options for the processing of this refund:

1. you can ask us to apply the full amount of this refund to your semester 2 fees
2. you can ask us to apply \$265 to the discounted fees, and refund \$175 (please supply banking details)
3. you can ask us to refund the full amount (please supply banking details)

Please let us know how you would like us to process your refund.

Mark is Moving House

Mark and Katrina will be moving on 24th August so the choir office will move with us to our new home at Amarant Retreat, 1475 Don Rod Don Valley 3139. Our current landline will no longer be operating but all other contact details will be the same. We look forward to seeing lots of YVM visitors at our new place.

August 2020 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

Of course, all semester two dates are tentative until we know that we can rehearse safely and have audiences at our concerts.

Friday 26th June	End Term 2	
27th June - 13th July	YVM Italy and UK Tour - CANCELLED	
Monday 20th July	Start Term 3	
Saturday 22nd August	Concert with The Yarra Voices - CANCELLED (Rosina Auditorium, Abbotsford Convent)	CHOIR/YVMen
Sunday 13th September	Training Choirs Concert - CANCELLED (St Johns Southgate)	BTC, JTC, STC
Friday 18th September	End Term 3	
Monday 5th October	Start Term 4	
6th - 8th November	Senior Training Choir Camp at Candlebark Farm (Rescheduled from March)	STC
Sunday 6th December	YVM 30th Anniversary Singing Festival (afternoon) at Abbotsford Convent - short concerts in 4 venues and lots of fun!	EVERYONE

NOTE: Exaudi dates listed separately on the Exaudi Newsletter

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