



February 2019 Newsletter

Congratulations Barbara O'Leary OAM

Welcome everyone to a new year and congratulations to Mrs O on her OAM, announced on Australia Day, for services to choral music through her volunteering with YVM for 29 years. She has been an integral part of our community since the start and it is wonderful to see her honoured in this way.

Rehearsal Groups for 2019

Rehearsals start on Thursday 7th and Monday 11th February. Here is a reminder of the times.

Beginning Training Choir - singers in years 1 and 2: Monday 4.30 - 5.30

Junior Training Choir - singers in years 3 and 4: Monday 4.30 - 5.30

Senior Training Choir - singers in years 4 (as advised), 5, 6 and 7: Monday 5.45 - 7.15

Choir/YVMen - Thursday 6.15 - 8.15 (and small group sessions every second Tuesday for an hour at either 5pm or 6pm (as scheduled), and Thursdays 8.15 - 9.00 for those in Years 10 - 12)

Important Information

Venue Caulfield Grammar School, Caulfield Campus, enter from Loch Ave, and park on the street.

Tuition Fees - you will have received a half yearly invoice. New members can try out a few sessions before making payment.

Uniform is not worn at rehearsals and you don't need to do anything about this until the new year.

Performance Dates 2019 on the attached calendar should be put into your family calendars now and updated each time we send out a newsletter. If you are unable to attend a performance let us know ASAP.

Choir/YVMen Rehearsal Camp February 8 - 10

Senior Training Choir Rehearsal Camp March 22 - 24

Choir and YVMen will be heading off to camp at Candlebark Farm on the weekend of 8 - 10 February, the day after our first rehearsal, and Senior Training Choir in March. Don't forget to bring a plate of (nut-free) cake/slice to share so we can have fabulous morning and afternoon teas! Choir & YVMen Camp information was distributed with the December Newsletter and is now at yvm.com.au on the newsletters page. Don't forget to let us know if you would like your child picked up at the **alternate meeting place** in Wheelers Hill.

Senior Training Choir Camp information is on the next page of his Newsletter. (And at yvm.com.au on the newsletters page.)

New Mosaic CDS - still available at choir!

WA Tour final Payment due 8th February

Final payment of \$1,400 is due 8th February.

Card Payment Fee

We do accept payment by VISA and Mastercard but add a 2.5% processing fee. Bank transfer is our preferred mode of payment.

Choir Tuesday Small Group Sessions

Tuesday small group sessions start on Tuesday 12th February, as per the attached schedule (for Choir and YVMen families only).

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YOUNG VOICES OF MELBOURNE
Senior Training Choir Rehearsal Camp
22 – 24 March 2019
Candlebark Farm

WHEN

Friday 22nd March – Sunday 24th March

WHERE

Candlebark Farm, Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Rd, Healesville
(Emergency contact: (03) 59624727)

COST

Included in Semester 1 Fees

HOW DO YOU GET THERE

Meet at Caulfield Grammar, Loch Avenue (near music department) at 6.15pm on Friday 22nd March

- We will be taking a bus to Healesville.
- Please have your evening meal before you arrive.

Wear casual clothes.

(Alternate pickup corner of Ferntree Gully Rd and Petronella Ave Wheelers Hill at 7.00pm – please advise if you will meet us at the alternate location.)

HOW DO YOU GET HOME

Meet at Caulfield Grammar at 3.15pm on Sunday 24th March

We will be catching a bus from Healesville to Caulfield.

(Alternate pickup on the city side of the corner of Ferntree Gully Rd and Jells Rd Wheelers Hill at 2.30pm – please advise if you will meet us at the alternate location.)

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BRING

Music folder, 3 pencils, an eraser, musical instrument !

Sleeping bag or sheets, pillow case, towel, toiletries, warm comfortable clothes for the weekend including walking shoes, and a warm coat. You could get dirty so don't bring your best clothes. Bring bathers if you would like to swim.

We will be having a concert on Saturday night of sensible and 'silly' items. Please bring your instrument, camp skit etc and come prepared. We would specially love to hear our instrumentalists play!

Please bring a plate of biscuits/slice/cake to share for morning/afternoon teas. (Nut-free please)

MEDICAL INFORMATION – collected through Care Monkey

Let us know if you have not received an email invitation to create a Care Monkey profile.

Miscellaneous Important Information for New People (and Reminders for Old!)

Who's Who: Mark O'Leary - Director. Always happy to hear from you via email (mark@yvm.com.au), phone 95785459 or text 0418 327426. Its often a bit busy to have much of a talk at rehearsals. Contact Mark about rehearsal, concert, tour and musical matters.

Barbara O'Leary (Mark's mum) - Honorary Treasurer, Uniform Co-ordinator and Rehearsal Supervisor. Phone her on 95961244 (or email to jb.oleary@bigpond.com) for queries about fees, uniforms and supervision.

Emily Dittman - Administrator. You will hear from Emily from time to time about various choir matters. (admin@yvm.com.au)

Marion Stafford - our Beginning Training Choir Teacher

Amelia Alder - our YVMen conductor and tutor with and tutor with the Junior and Senior Training Choirs

Emma Casey - tutor with the Junior and Senior Training Choirs. The tutors work individually with choir members to help them with their musicianship skills development.

Julia Piggin - our accompanist who comes to rehearsals sometimes and plays for concerts

We also have a Management Committee and lots of regular volunteer supervisors/helpers who can be seen working hard at YVM events. Please let us know if you are happy to be asked to be involved.

Commitment and Communication

We expect that all choir members will attend all performances and camps for their groups, and we trust that choir members will be there unless it is impossible. In our planning we assume that all choir members will be attending all concerts, camps and tours. It is your responsibility to let us know if for some reason your are not available. If you are unable to attend a choir event, it is very important that we have as much notice as possible. We ask for at least four weeks notice for concerts, and more notice for tours. Apologies must be given to Mark in writing (as he can be forgetful!) Every choir member is important, and the absence of any member will weaken the choir's performance, so if we are to maintain our high standard we need you all to be well organised. A Newsletter is published at the start of each month, and new dates are often added, so please keep up to date. (Latest newsletter also at www.yvm.com.au/newsletter) Choir members will also receive text messages with reminders and special notices.

Rehearsal Attendance and Apologies

Please let Mark know if you need to miss a rehearsal. Regular attendance is important for choir members to maintain and develop their skills as well as learn repertoire. Of course all choir members will miss rehearsals from time to time due to school camps, important school or family functions and illness. Most choir members would not miss more than one rehearsal each term. It would not be appropriate to miss more than 6 rehearsals in a year. Singers who miss too many rehearsals may be asked to leave the choir.

What to bring to Rehearsals

Choir members need to bring their YVM music bag, containing their music sheets, training program book and a few pencils to each rehearsal. Main choir members also need to have an A440 tuning fork. Music Bags and tuning forks are available from the choir shop which is set up at Monday and Thursday rehearsals.

Music

Music given to choir members is on loan only, and must be returned in good condition. You may be charged for lost or damaged music, and it can be expensive, so it is best to look after it carefully from the start.

Fundraising Activities

The main choir travels each year to share its music with others - within Victoria, Australia and every few years overseas. To make these opportunities more affordable we have a choir shop at rehearsals each Monday and Thursday which sells chocolates, choir Cds and other fundraising items. Our best and most effective fundraising is done through our concerts - bring your friends and families! Concert profits go straight into the touring fund.

Camps and Tours - Who will be there to supervise our precious children!

An excellent question! Mark and Barbara attend all rehearsal camps, and are assisted with supervision by volunteer choir parents and choir music staff who are dedicated to the care and safety of your children. If you believe you would be a good supervisor on camps, please speak to Barbara.

Parents also supervise on tours. We ask for expressions of interest from parents who are interested in touring with the choir, and we select a Tour Team with the right skills and attitudes for the job. Those wishing to supervise on tours must agree to being the subject of a police background check.

Uniforms

Children do not wear uniforms to rehearsals. Barbara O'Leary will look after this, and she will make sure that you have everything you need for your first performance of the year.

February 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 7th February	First Choir rehearsal for 2019 Caulfield Grammar School, Caulfield Campus (no Thursday small group) Music Department (Cripps Centre) Park in Loch Ave (East St Kilda) and enter on foot through a small carpark to a courtyard.	CHOIR/YVMen
Friday 8th - Sunday 10th Feb	Choir rehearsal camp , Candlebark Farm Camp information was in the December Newsletter and can now be found at yvm.com.au on the newsletters page	CHOIR/YVMen
Monday 11th February	First Training Choir Rehearsals for 2019 Caulfield Grammar School, Caulfield Campus Music Department (Cripps Centre) Park in Loch Ave (East St Kilda) and enter on foot through a small carpark to a courtyard.	BTC, JTC, STC
Friday 22nd - Sun 24th March	Senior Training Choir Camp , Candlebark Farm Details previous page.	STC
7th - 17th April	Choir and YVMen Tour to Western Australia	CHOIR/YVMen
Sunday 19th May	YVM and YVMen Performance at Yarrowonga Festival of 1,000 Voices	
Saturday 22nd June	YVM Winter Concert 1 (with Malcolm Dalglish) 7.30pm James Tatoulis Auditorium, MLC, Barkers Rd	CHOIR/YVMen & EXAUDI
Sunday 23rd June	YVM Winter Concert 2 (with Malcolm Dalglish) 3pm James Tatoulis Auditorium, MLC, Barkers Rd	EVERYONE
<i>29th - 14th July</i>	<i>Exaudi Tour to Scotland and Ireland</i>	<i>EXAUDI</i>
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	CHOIR/YVMen
Friday 30th August	Kodaly Choral Festival (evening)	CHOIR/YVMen
Sunday 8th September	Training Choirs Concert St John's Southgate	BTC, JTC, STC
Sunday 1st December	Evening Christmas Concert	CHOIR/YVMen & EXAUDI
Sunday 8th December	Twilight Christmas Concert	EVERYONE

NOTE: Exaudi dates listed separately on the Exaudi Newsletter

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