



YOUNG VOICES OF MELBOURNE

November 2020 Newsletter

Things are getting better!

As it warms up and COVID-19 case numbers remain low there is cause for optimism in the choir world. Although we will need to stay online for the rest of this year, there is hope on the horizon that things will be more normal for the start of 2021. We still have uncertainty around venues for rehearsals and concerts, and there may need to be changes to the way we organise our rehearsal groups but we are confident that a return to live singing is getting closer. See the attached calendar for some 2021 dates including proposed starting dates, camp dates, and concert dates.

YVM Membership Re-enrolment 2021

In order for us to determine the composition of rehearsal groups for 2021 and to integrate new members into the program, we need to know whether your child intends to continue with Young Voices of Melbourne in 2021. This is particularly important for next year as we might need to limit group size for some of our ensembles due to Covidsafe practices. We therefore ask all members of all choir groups (Beginning Training Choir, Junior Training Choir, Senior Training Choir, Choir and YVMen) to complete the online form here to let us know whether or not you will be returning:

<https://forms.gle/s4ZxnGVSxwLCWs8j6>

Given the unusual circumstances we are not asking for an enrolment deposit this year.

Year 12 students wanting to reserve a place in Exaudi should let Mark know as soon as possible.

Please complete your re-enrolment now. All re-enrolment must be completed by 1st December.

In early December we will be able to advise exactly who will be moving to new rehearsal groups in 2021. Generally children in Grades 1 and 2 will be in the Beginning Training Choir, children in Grades 3 and 4 will be in the Junior Training Choir and children in Grades 5, 6 will be in the Senior Training Choir. Year 7s might be in Senior Training Choir or main Choir, and some Year 4s may be invited to join the Senior Training Choir. However, there are exceptions as children develop at differing speeds and some children work harder than others. Please do not hesitate to contact Mark on 0418 327426 (or mark@yvm.com.au) if you have any queries or concerns.

Auditions for places in 2021 - spread the word

Our auditions process this year has been interrupted by the pandemic, so we will continue to accept new members into 2021, space allowing. Please spread the word to those in your community.

30th Anniversary Zoom: YVMultimedia Premiere

At 5pm on Sunday 6th December we will be launching our YVMultimedia film of 4 songs written by Juliana Kay in association with the choirs. All YVM families and friends are welcome to join us for this opportunity to celebrate YVM's 30th year and say a heartfelt good riddance to 2020! A zoom invitation will be distributed to families a few days before the event.

Carols in Parks - Choir and YVMen in December

Singers in Choir and YVMen (as well as Exaudi) will be singing carols in small groups in public parks in December. Details are to be finalised, but we are looking forward to restarting our singing together in this fun and Covidsafe way. All YVM families will be welcome to come and listen!

November 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

Monday 23rd November Final zoom session for Training Choirs
Thursday 26th November Final zoom session for Choir and YVMen

Sunday 6th December **YVM 30th Anniversary Zoom and YVMultimedia Premiere**
5pm via Zoom - details to be provided.

December TBA **Carols in Parks**
Exaudi and YVM (Choir and YVMen) will be singing carols in public parks in small groups, for their enjoyment and yours!
Details to be provided.

2021

Monday 8th February	First Training Choir Rehearsals for 2020 venue: to be advised	BTC, JTC, STC
Thursday 11th February	First Choir rehearsal for 2020 venue: to be advised	CHOIR/YVMen
Thursday 1st April Monday 19th April	End Term 1 Start Term 2	
Friday 14th - Sun 16th May	Choir rehearsal camp , Candlebark Farm	CHOIR/YVMen
Friday 28th - Sun 30th May	Senior Training Choir Camp , Candlebark Farm	STC
June - date to be advised	Winter Concert	EVERYONE
Friday 25th June	End Term 2	
26th June - 2nd July	Possible Choir Tour within Australia	CHOIR/YVMen
Monday 12th July	Start Term 3	
Sunday 12th September	Training Choirs Concert (afternoon) (st Johns Southgate)	BTC, JTC, STC
Friday 17th September	End Term 3	
Monday 4th October	Start Term 4	
Sunday 5th December	YVM Christmas Concert (afternoon)	EVERYONE

NOTE: Exaudi dates listed separately on the Exaudi Newsletter

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