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# SYDNEY CHILDREN'S CHOIR



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For kids who love  
to sing

# YOUR CHORAL JOURNEY

## MINI SINGERS

If you're in (or going into) **Kindergarten or Year 1** at school, you can join our Mini Singers! The Mini Singers choirs are a really fun way to start your choral journey, with songs and games for everyone. Minis Choirs are named after colours, like red, blue and green!



## JUNIOR TRAINING CHOIRS

Junior Training Choirs are mostly for children in **Years 2 & 3** at school. They are named after Australian composers such as Ruth McCall and Ben van Tienen. The Junior Training Choirs are the next step after Mini Singers, and choristers also begin to learn music theory for the first time.



## INTERMEDIATE TRAINING CHOIRS

Intermediate Training Choirs are perfect for children in **Years 4 & 5** at school. They're the next step on your choral journey - these choirs learn sight singing as well as music theory, and join together in performance to sing in two or more parts.



## ADVANCED TRAINING CHOIR

If you're in **Years 6-11** at school, you can join the William Barton Choir. Barton rehearsals are a relaxed, enjoyable space to develop your choral singing skills at the Advanced Training Choirs level, learning great music in up to three parts, and challenge yourself to sing music at a really high level.



## JUNIOR PERFORMING CHOIR

The Junior Performing Choir is a selective extension choir for choristers in **Years 4-8**. This ensemble rehearse twice weekly, and regularly represent the Sydney Children's Choir at important events, recently the Sydney Energy Form and the Sydney Children's Hospital Gala. The choir works at a standard which requires a high level of commitment.



## SENIOR CHOIR

Conducted by Artistic Director, Lyn Williams AM, the Senior Choir are a world-class treble vocal ensemble who rehearse and perform at the highest level. The choir has a long history of performing with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and other leading ensembles, and has worked with conductors including Simone Young, David Robertson and Vladimir Ashkenazy. Over the decades it has performed at many high-profile events including the Sydney Olympics Opening Ceremony, Sydney Festival and most recently at the reopening of the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall. The choir has toured extensively, presenting their signature

performances of contemporary Australian music to new audiences across the world. Choristers in Senior Choir are required to give a high level of commitment to the choir, recognising it as their highest extracurricular priority.



## YOUNG MEN'S CHOIR

Conducted by Associate Artistic Director, Sam Allchurch, the Young Men's Choir are a Senior Performing Choir for boys with changed and changing voices.

Many of the choristers in this ensemble have already been part of SCC as trebles and they continue their musical journey through a rich repertoire, from Vaughan Williams and Poulenc through to Billy Joel. The choir has performed Sibelius's *Kulervo* with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and gave the world premiere of Elena Kats-Chernin's *Meeting the Sun* in 2015.



## Where are rehearsals?

Regular weekly rehearsals take place at the Choirs Rehearsal Studio at Wharf 4/5, part of the Walsh Bay Arts Precinct.

The choirs are co-located here with many of the country's finest arts organisations - Sydney Theatre Company, the Australian Chamber Orchestra, Bell Shakespeare and Sydney Philharmonia Choirs, among others.



## How do I join?

Step 1 - contact the the Sydney Children's Choir Coordinator at [scc@gondwana.org.au](mailto:scc@gondwana.org.au), or call **(02) 8274 7000**.

Step 2 - If you're in, or going into Kindergarten to Year 5, you'll be offered a place in a choir at a suitable level based on age. If you're in Year 6 or above, or are in Year 4 but would like to audition for one of our Performing Choirs (theory requirements and sight singing ability apply), contact us for more information about auditions.



## Will I get to perform?

Lots! If you're a member of the Mini Singers or any of the training choirs, you'll get to take part in performances a multiple times each year, such as a Winter Concert, a Springtime Concert, and at Mini Christmas or Voices of Angels.

If you're a member of one of our performing choirs, the performance opportunities are many and varied - world class performances in key venues for international audiences.

# Highlights from the history of the Sydney Children's Choir

**1989**

The Sydney Children's Choir is founded by Lyn Williams AM.

**1992**

The choir embark on their first international tour to Indonesia and Singapore. The choir has now toured to many more countries over its history including the UK, Spain, France, Finland, Japan, China and many more!

**1993**

The choir gives its first performances with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra in Mahler's Symphony No. 8.

**2000**

At dawn on New Year's Day, the choir performs from the top of the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge to an international Television audience.

The choir also performs at the Sydney Olympic Games Opening Ceremony.

**2008**

Presents the world premiere of a new opera, *Ngailu - Boy of the Stars*, with children from the Torres Strait Islands. This group of children would form the first Gondwana Indigenous Children's Choir.

**2019**

The choir hosts the first ever Gondwana World Choral Festival, which brings the world's finest children's choirs to Sydney for a week of 21 performances at the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Conservatorium of Music, broadcast on ABC Classic.

**2022**

The choir gives the world premiere of a new theatrical work, *Hypnopompia (or the edge of the unknown)* with stage director Alexander Berlage. One month later, they perform at the reopening of the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall, conducted by Simone Young.





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