

Join the



SYDNEY
CHILDREN'S
CHOIR



Parramatta Choirs
2023

For kids who love to sing...

If you love to sing, and you're in Years 2-6, you can join the Sydney Children's Choir in **Parramatta** this year.

The rehearsals take place each week at PHIVE, 5 Parramatta Square, a beautiful new hub for arts and culture in the heart of the Parramatta CBD. We will begin rehearsals on Tuesday 9 May, in Term 2.

Our rehearsals are really fun. We sing songs and play fun musical games, and many of the pieces we sing were written especially for the Sydney Children's Choir by Australian composers.



JUNIOR TRAINING CHOIR

If you're in **Years 2 or 3** at school, you can begin your singing journey with us in our Junior Training Choir. The songs are designed especially for kids our age and make learning music really fun and exciting. We also learn to read music and we can continue to use these skills as we get older.

INTERMEDIATE TRAINING CHOIR

If you're in **Years 4 to 6** at school, you can join our Intermediate Training Choir. We develop new choral skills and learn songs in two parts. We also learn more complex songs and learn to be better musicians!



Why should I join a choir?

Joining a choir is like a workout for your brain – it also helps with lots of different areas of learning at school. Studies have shown that learning music can increase your confidence, help with memory, attention and perhaps even improve reading. Being in choir also teaches us independence – to be responsible for our own music learning and be brave in performing in front of other people.

But mostly, we sing and learn music because it's great! Music is one of the oldest art forms in the world, it uplifts and inspires us and it brings us together as a community.

Where are rehearsals?

Regular weekly rehearsals will take place on **Tuesday afternoons** at PHIVE, 5 Parramatta Square.

Junior Training Choir rehearses from **4.30pm - 5.25pm** (arrival by 4.25pm)

Intermediate Training Choir rehearses from **5.30pm - 6.45pm** (arrival by 5.25pm)

How do I join?

To register, fill out the enquiry form on our website:

gondwana.org.au/the-sydney-childrens-choir

From here, you'll receive more information about registration. Children are not required to audition for the Junior and Intermediate Training Choirs in Parramatta. You'll be invited to come along to our first rehearsals on **Tuesday 9 May 2023**.

If you need more information, contact us via **scc@gondwana.org.au** or call (02) 8274 7000.





How much does it cost?

The fees for choristers joining the SCC Parramatta Choirs in Term 2, 2023 are as follows:

- Junior Training Choirs
\$695.00
- Intermediate Training Choirs
\$835.00

Please note, this is the cost for three terms, given rehearsals begin in Term 2.

You'll also need to buy a t-shirt. Don't worry about the cost - if this is beyond your reach please contact us to find out about **bursaries and scholarships.**

Meet our conductors



Lyn Williams is our Artistic Director and founded the Sydney Children's Choir back in 1989



Lachie Massey is our Artistic Associate and he is excited to conduct the Parramatta Choirs in 2023!

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

The choir 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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