



About Gondwana National Choirs

Gondwana National Choirs is the place for Australia's young singers. If you can't stop humming a tune, this is the place for you. You might sing in lots of choirs already or perhaps this is something you've always wanted to do. You might be from a large city or a small town. If singing is your thing, Gondwana is the place for you.

Gondwana Novus is where the National Choral School journey begins.

Ages: 10 - 13

Voice type: treble

Gondwana Voices works at the pinnacle of the treble choir artform, tackling dazzling repertoire from around the world.

Ages: 10 - 17

Voice type: treble

Strong aural and sight singing skills

Gondwana Singers is an SATB choir of boundless energy which explores the thrills of the mixed choir repertoire.

Ages: 13 - 18

Voice type: soprano, alto, tenor, bass

Gondwana Chorale, our national youth choir, brings together fine young adult singers from across Australia to create a rich and exciting sound.

Ages: 18- 25

Voice type: soprano, alto, tenor, bass

Strong aural and sight singing skills

Auditions

For our 2024 projects, auditions will be in two parts.

Part 1: You will need to submit a video recording of you singing two contrasting pieces, demonstrating your voice and musicianship. The recording should not exceed 7 minutes and may or may not have accompaniment. Applicants will be given clear guidelines for the creation and submission of their video.

Part 2: Applicants will attend a live, online audition via Zoom. This audition will cover a range of aural and sight singing skills. Example audition material will be made available before auditions commence. You will be able to select an audition time from a range specific to your age.

Cost: There is a \$50 audition fee payable upon submission of your application.

Timelines

Monday 10 July	Applications open
Thursday 10 August	Applications close
Monday 14 August	Videos due
Monday 28 August - Wednesday 6 September	Auditions (online)
Mid-October	Results (& bursaries) announced



Travel

The participation fee does not include domestic travel to and from the chorister's home at the beginning and end of each season. For international tours, all touring party flights will leave from Sydney International Airport following a rehearsal season in Sydney and choristers must travel with the party for all tour dates. We understand that travel costs add up and will endeavour to provide additional support where possible.

Bursaries

We want to make sure that everyone can attend a Gondwana season. Through the support of generous individuals, there are a number of full and partial bursaries available for participants who can demonstrate the need for financial assistance in order to attend Gondwana National Choirs seasons. Further information and details on applying for bursaries is available on the Gondwana Choirs website.

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For more information and to apply, scan here

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**GONDWANA
NATIONAL
CHOIRS**

2024
**MORE
SINGING
MORE FUN!**

Welcome from Lyn Williams, Artistic Director

If singing is your thing, then the Gondwana National Choirs are for you. Gondwana Choirs are known across the world for the great repertoire they perform and the remarkable quality of their performances. To see one of our choirs perform is to share in the joy and excitement of the singers.

You can begin the year at National Choral School surrounded by passionate young singers from across Australia. Discover that there are hundreds of young people who are as crazy about singing as you are and as keen to perform at the highest musical level. We enjoy working with leading choral conductors from across the country; our Gondwana conducting family. 2024 will see several new faces at NCS joining these ranks. Conductors from Western Sydney, Western Australia and Canberra will conduct alongside members of our established team. Two of our new conductors were themselves former Gondwana choristers.

We have a sensational year planned for 2024. All choristers wishing to participate in our activities will attend National Choral School. In 2024 Gondwana Voices will take flight to the United Kingdom, Gondwana Singers will get tropical in Cairns and we will be preparing for Gondwana Chorale to tour internationally in early 2025.

We can't wait to see you again or to meet you for the very first time. Don't delay, apply now for Gondwana National Choirs.

Lyn Williams AM



2024 PROJECTS

National Choral School – All choirs

10 – 20 January 2024, Sydney
The Women's College, University of Sydney

Performances: Wednesday 17 January, Friday 19 January
Verbrugghen Hall, Sydney Conservatorium of Music

After a successful return in 2023, National Choral School is on for 2024! This will be an even bigger and better year with more opportunities, more singing, and more fun! Over 10 days, you'll get to experience what it's like to live and breathe choral music, all while working with leading choir conductors and exciting guest artists, discovering new repertoire, and making lifelong friends.

If singing is your thing, National Choral School is for you, so apply now and get ready for an unforgettable experience!

Conductors: Lyn Williams, Christie Anderson, AJ America, Natalie Gooneratne, Paul Holley, Rowan Johnston, Hugh Lydon, Lachlan Massey

Eligibility: 10 – 25 years, all voice types

Cost: \$1350

National Choral School is a residential program

Important Information

All choristers must attend National Choral School to be eligible to participate in any other Gondwana National Choirs seasons in 2024.

Cairns Songfest – Gondwana Singers

8 –14 April 2024

Gondwana Singers is back on tour - and this time we're off to sunny Cairns to perform in Songfest! Songfest brings young singers from around Cairns and across Australia together for a week of workshops and rehearsals culminating in a unique performance in the tropics. Slip, Slop, Slap, and SING!

Eligibility: 13-18 years, all voice types

UK Tour - Gondwana Voices

July/August 2024

Gondwana Voices returns to the international stage with a tour of the United Kingdom! Over two weeks choristers will be given the opportunity to sing in historic venues and be immersed in the sights and sounds the UK has to offer. Join us for a once in a lifetime experience not to be missed!

This season will feature choristers selected from National Choral School.

Eligibility: 12 – 17 years, treble voices

Voices of Angels – All choirs

4 – 9 December 2024, Sydney

Voices of Angels is the highlight of the festive season. Each year, Gondwana National Choirs joins the Sydney Children's Choir in a program spanning cultures and countries, from traditional favourites to beautiful new works. Ring in the end of the year under the most iconic sails in the world!

Eligibility: 10 – 25 years, all voice types

Voices of Angels is a non-residential program

International Tour - Gondwana Chorale

20 January – 2 February 2025

Gondwana Chorale has a proud tradition of sharing its music with audiences around the world. The choir returns to its cycle of touring with thrilling new adventures and performances. Previous tours have included the USA, Europe, and New Zealand. We can't wait to share more information on this exciting opportunity – stay tuned!

Eligibility: 18 – 25 years, all voice types

Choristers must attend NCS in 2025 to be eligible for this season. Preference may be given to choristers who have attended NCS in both 2024 and 2025.