

SYDNEY CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONDUCTING FELLOWSHIP



DESCRIPTION

In 2026, the Sydney Children's Choir will broaden its artistic team to include one or more Conductor Fellowships.

Conducting Fellows will have the opportunity to work with one or more of the levels of the Sydney Children's Choir's renowned choral program, observing and participating in weekly rehearsals, camps and performances.

Over the course of the Fellowship, Conducting Fellows will be mentored by Artistic Director and Founder Lyn Williams AM, Director of Choral Education, Bronwyn Cleworth and other artistic staff of the organisation.

The Fellows will have the opportunity to conduct the choir in rehearsal and as appropriate, in performances.

The Fellows will be matched with the level of the choir most appropriate to their abilities, skills and interests. These include:

Junior Training Choir (Years 2-3)

Intermediate Training Choir (Years 4-5)

Advanced Training Choir (Years 6-10)

Junior Performing Choir

Matthew Doyle Choir (tenor and bass voices)

Senior Choir (The Sydney Children's Choir)

The Fellows will meet regularly with the artistic team to discuss repertoire and learning goals, progress and planning. They will also learn about the selection of repertoire and the artistic planning process and attend artistic and administrative staff meetings where appropriate.

The choirs rehearse at Walsh Bay and at Parramatta.

The Conducting Fellowship is valued at \$6,000 per annum.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- The successful applicant must have a high level of musical attainment. They may have a tertiary degree in conducting or music and will demonstrate outstanding ability as an instrumentalist, singer or pianist.
- They will have had some experience conducting choral/instrumental ensembles
- They must have excellent aural and sight-singing skills and demonstrated leadership qualities.
- They must have the ability to relate well to children and may have had experience working with children in a teaching capacity.
- They must be flexible and dedicated and aspire to be a future artistic leader.

COMMENTS

- The expectation that the Fellow is available to attend / participate in the Sydney Children's Choir program which runs during NSW state school terms. Our choirs rehearse on weekday afternoons after school and on Saturdays, with occasional rehearsals and projects on Sundays. Each choir has an annual weekend residential camp and range of performances as advised.
- The Conducting Fellowship involves working with children. As per the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian screening process, Prohibited Persons are not permitted to apply. A Working with Children Check will be carried out for all preferred applicants.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send a current CV with a covering letter addressing the selection criteria to:

Sam Allchurch
Associate Artistic Director
Sam.allchurch@gondwana.org.au

Applications close on Monday 22 December 2025 at 5pm.

Auditions and interviews will take place in the week of Monday 12 January.

For any queries, please contact Sam Allchurch as above