



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

Junior Choristers Circular No. 12

Wednesday 13 May 2020

DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

TBC	Junior showcase (<i>to be re-scheduled</i>)
Saturday 25 July	NBCA Mid-Year Concert, Robert Blackwood (to be rescheduled)
Saturday 5 December	Christmas Party for Special Children, Melb Showgrounds (<i>times TBC</i>)
Sunday 20 December	NBCA Annual Christmas Concert, Hamer Hall

HOMEWORK

It's super exciting to see you all singing through our new piece together last Wednesday in our Virtual Rehearsal Room. Please continue to use the videos and tracks to learn the notes. If you haven't yet, please make sure you print off a copy of the music. You'll find the PDF on the NBCA website after you've logged in:

Choir Community dropdown menu -> Junior Choristers -> Music tab -> 2020 Online Learning

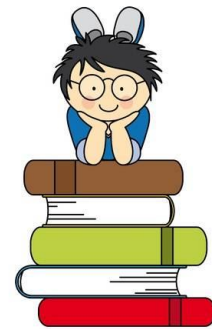
Thank you to all those choristers who have memorised the lyrics to *The Swing*. IF you are still a little unsure, please go over these. Now is the time to memorise *Dona Nobis Pacem*. While the words aren't tricky the melody has three parts. We look forward to hearing some boys sing this solo during our live rehearsal today.

Your other focus repertoire this week is *Bring Me a Little Water Sylvie* (Lower Part), *Ribbons in the Sky* (bottom part), *Placement One in C* (bottom part) and *Long Legged Sailor* – with actions.

The repertoire list below shows what music is to be practised at home.

Repertoire List

- NEW: Chariot's Comin'!
- Ah Poor Bird
- Dona Nobis Pacem
- The Swing
- The Water is Wide
- Placement one in C
- Ribbons in the sky
- Can you hear me?
- Algie Met the Bear (as taught by Mrs Zavou)
- NEW: Water Spout Song (as taught by Mrs Zavou)



Also, don't forget to complete our short questionnaire so we can track how you're going with the Virtual rehearsal Room: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JDH8P66>

Please let us know if you have any issues or if you're an apology by emailing the office at office@nationalboyschoir.com.au. Mrs de Jonge will be monitoring emails before and during each rehearsal.



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JUNIOR VIRTUAL REHEARSAL ROOM

Wednesday rehearsals for Term 2 from 6.00pm to 6.30pm

Don't forget to download and watch the pre-rehearsal video at the start of each week:

<https://readycloud.netgear.com/client/browselink.html#t=1cbsgbe9m8hvf3xvyn9xkwe4u7l/Junior%20Choir%20Online%20Learning>

Password: NBCA2020

To access the Virtual Rehearsal Room, go to:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/637982942?pwd=VUJnZ2F6UEU4dksxVnlmMDZ0U0Vidz09>

Meeting ID: 637 982 942

Password: NBCA2020

Virtual Rehearsal Room reminders:

- Have your pencil and scores ready
- Have gone through the warm-up videos
- Create and wear a BIG name tag (just write your name on a piece of paper and tape it to your shirt);
- Write your name and choir number into the chat when you arrive (e.g. Joe Smith E 19 or James Lock J05)
- Be sitting well on a firm chair or upright on the edge of the couch
- Be in a common area if possible (if in a bedroom, please set up a virtual/digital background)
- Have parents nearby
- Use earphones/headphones as necessary

The chat feature on Zoom is only to be used for direct questions/answers to the NBCA staff. There will be opportunities throughout the term to message and chat with a choir friend. However, when we are learning it is important that you remain focussed on the musical task.

TERM 2 INVOICES

Invoices for Term 2 will be issued today. Choir Tuition Fees for Term 2 have been discounted by 35%. This recognises that we are providing 'virtual rehearsals' because of the COVID-19 restrictions making it impossible to run our normal program, and the current crisis and financial uncertainty being experienced by many in the community. Our Administrative and Artistic staff are all still working and we have been fully engaged in adapting our program to suit current restrictions. We hope your sons have been enjoying this new mode of operation: but a Zoom choir is not a real choir, and we look forward very much to being able to gather at Ringwood again.

As you know, we are a not-for-profit organisation, and normally receive no funding from Government or other bodies. Income from fundraising and other sources (such as performances) is

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currently negligible, but our operating costs remain fairly constant. We are hopeful of receiving some support through COVID-19 Government programs, but we are largely still reliant on fee income to cover these operating costs. We would therefore ask you to attend to these invoices as promptly as you can. If you need to talk confidentially about payment of your son's fees, please contact our Treasurer, Mr Colin Seedy, on treasurer@nationalboyschoir.com.au.

FUNDRAISING - Cadbury Chocolate Block Raffle



For people who have purchased tickets in our G I A N T chocolate block raffle – never fear, we *will* be drawing this raffle - we have simply put this on hold until choir resumes in a more normal way. We promise to keep you posted . . .



Tickets are \$5 each *or* 5 for \$20

Please email office@nationalboyschoir.com.au if you still want to purchase a ticket or two (or five 😊).