



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR  
OF AUSTRALIA

## Elementary Choristers Circular No. 37

Wednesday 9 December 2020

### DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

<b>TODAY!</b>	Rehearsals in the studio 4:45pm to 5:45pm
<b>December 12</b>	Showcase Recording 9:45 am – 12 noon
<b>December 16</b>	Final Rehearsal Term 4
<b>December 18</b>	NBCA Christmas Twilight Picnic Party 5:30 – 8:30 pm (Pilgrim Court)

### 2021

Saturday 24 July      NBCA Mid-Year Concert (Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University)

## REHEARSAL TONIGHT – 4:45pm to 5:45pm in the Bird Studio

### SHOWCASE RECORDING – This Saturday!

How exciting! Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we're doing things a little differently this year. The Elementary Choir's Showcase will be recorded **this Saturday**, for viewing from next Wednesday. Please note the below details *carefully*.

**Venue:** National Boys Choir of Australia, Casey Studio

**Arrive promptly:** 9:45am

#### **Wear:**

- White performance shirt (ironed) – no singlets underneath!
- Black stagewear trousers – hemmed by you as required *before* Saturday
- Black belt – provided by chorister – plain black, no big showy buckles 😊
- Black socks and clean polished black shoes (no runners or canvas shoes!)
- Neat, clean hair
- *Bow ties will be distributed prior to the recording*

#### **Bring:**

- **A full change of clothes in the calico bag** for your chorister to change into after the recording (trousers and shirt; NOT your stagewear). The calico bag will be left at NBCA after the recording
- **Satchel and music** (music will also be left at the studio after the recording)
- **A full water bottle (no snacks, please!)**

**Depart:** 12 noon (after choristers have changed into their casual wear)

**Don't forget:** Your smile and enthusiasm!

## WARDROBE/PRESENTATION

The Choir encourages the boys to take pride in their appearance and uniform, particularly when they are representing the Choir in a performance environment. Make sure uniform is ironed, shoes are polished and hair is neat and tidy.



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#### Can you help?



We are on the look-out for one 'shirt washer' to launder the shirts after the recording. 😊 We provide laundry soap for front or top loader, hangers for the shirts, and a names list to mark them off. Please let us know 9872 4480 or [office@nationalboyschoir.com.au](mailto:office@nationalboyschoir.com.au) if you can assist. Thank you! 😊

#### REHEARSAL COVID-SAFE PLAN

Please remember the Choir's **COVID-Safe Plan**:

- Please drop off and pick-up your son from the carpark - *the office will be available after rehearsal has commenced, but the foyer remains closed*
- Doors will not open until five minutes before rehearsal commences
- Masks are no longer required
- On arrival, boys will be asked to clean their hands
- Boys will move straight to their places in the studio, keeping a 1.5 metre distance away from each other, following the tape markings on the floor
- Boys should bring their satchel, with pencil and eraser, water bottle, and a small bottle of hand sanitizer
- Boys are reminded to wash their hands thoroughly after using the toilet, and to cough or sneeze into a tissue, handkerchief or their elbow

#### REHEARSAL NEXT WEEK – December 16

Next week is our final rehearsal of the year! To celebrate, our Elementary choristers will be spending the session watching the Showcase video. A snack and drink will be provided, or you may send your own if you prefer. The link to the recording will be in next week's Circular.

**Rehearsal time is 4:45 – 5:45 pm.**

#### HOMEWORK – only 3 sleeps to go until the recording!

Make sure you revise all your words and melodies. When you practise, make sure you stand confidently with a long spine. Focus your eyes in one place, ready to watch the conductor.

***All these songs need to be from memory, so please focus on the following repertoire when you practise at home:***

- ★ To tell a tale or two
- ★ Angels in the Snow
- ★ Kangaroo



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- ★ Ickle Ockle
- ★ On a Log
- ★ Mister Sun
- ★ Ding Dong
- ★ Sweetly Sings the Donkey
- ★ Moon So Round and Yellow
- ★ The Salley Gardens
- ★ Mrs Hen
- ★ 1,2,3,4 Hoedjes van papier
- ★ Tall Silk Hat
- ★ Long Legged Sailor
- ★ Algie Met the Bear
- ★ New Year Carol
- ★ Turkeys United
- ★ Chariot's Comin'!



**Final checklist before this Saturday's recording:**

- ✓ Music and words memorised...
- ✓ Performance trousers hemmed...
- ✓ Black belt, black socks, black shoes...
- ✓ Calico bag with a change of casual clothes...

**NBCA Family Christmas Twilight Picnic Party – December 18**



Join us for our **Family Christmas Twilight Picnic Party** to be held here at Pilgrim Court, Ringwood on **Friday 18 December, 5.30 - 8.30pm**

Choristers have missed so many milestones this year - make sure you don't miss this one.

Bring your picnic, share a zoom story, laugh with a friend, and be entertained by caroling choristers. At 6:00 pm, Junior Choristers will be acknowledged and promoted into the Performing Choir, the Performing Choristers will surprise you and the Young Men's Choir

will dazzle you with their talents. There will be a giant slide and a bouncing castle to amuse the younger members and siblings (*may even be a visit from a very Jolly Fellow often dressed in red!*)

In keeping with COVID-19 regulations, this will be a **free ticketed event and tickets will need to be presented on arrival.**

**Wet Weather Contingency Plan –**

In the event the weather turns for the worst, we'll need to cancel this party.

Full event details will be sent in an email to you tomorrow.

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#### A little house-keeping...

Now that we're out of lockdown, we're getting a bit busier in the lead-up to Christmas. 😊  
Please would you note the following while on the property:

- The speed limit in the NBCA carpark is 10km/hour
- Traffic should flow one way in a clockwise direction
- Keep a look-out for pedestrians and other cars in the carpark (we also share the space with neighbouring businesses).
- Park in marked spaces provided NOT on the grass.
- Walk your chorister to and from the building rather than stopping, dropping off or picking up and hovering.
- Staff are on hand to help you guide choristers to and from cars safely.
- Please also do not let your children walk on the newly planted garden bed outside the studios



#### TERM 4 INVOICES

A reminder that the payment date for Term 4 invoices was November 4. If you have overlooked settling your account, action to process payment would be appreciated.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties and would like to discuss payment of fees, please email our Treasurer Mr Colin Seedy at [treasurer@nationalboyschoir.com.au](mailto:treasurer@nationalboyschoir.com.au)