



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR
OF AUSTRALIA

Junior Choristers Circular No. 16

Tuesday 1 June 2021

DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

TOMORROW	Rehearsal via Zoom 6pm to 6.30pm details below
Wednesday 9 June	Combined rehearsal with Elementary Choir 5:15pm to 6:45pm <i>note times!</i>
Wednesday 21 July	Combined rehearsal with Elementary Choir 5:15pm to 6:45pm <i>note times!</i>
Saturday 24 July	NBCA Winter Concert – <i>save the date!</i>
Saturday 27 November	Very Special Kids Christmas Party – Melbourne Showgrounds
Sunday 19 December	NBCA Christmas Concert

****NEW** REHEARSAL VIA ZOOM TOMORROW 6pm to 6.30pm**

Due to the current lockdown restrictions in Melbourne, tomorrow’s rehearsal will be held via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88054498129?pwd=dVZER0RnRVBwNUhOaThT25ETS9TQT09>

Meeting ID: 880 5449 8129

Passcode: NBCA2021

Also, please read over and take note of these Zoom points:

- Have your pencil and scores out of your satchels ready to go
- 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. 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. When we are learning it is important that you remain focused on the musical task.

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 the rehearsal.

****NEW** VOICE PARTS**

Last week, it was wonderful to hear each chorister sing individually. This is part of the process for assessing each boy's skill level and to place them into parts for the Winter Concert.

Please find a list below that details which part each chorister will be singing. A few boys were absent last week so they will be placed into a voice part for ‘Take These Wings’ and ‘Drunken Sailor’ this week:

Part 1	Part 2
Sebastian (2)	Ethan A (1)

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Samar (3)	Alan (9)
Moses (4)	Jacob (10)
Noah (5)	Sammy (13)
Daniel (6)	Charlie (14)
Matthew (7)	Steven K (16)
Sasha (8)	Tate (17)
Carter (12)	Zachary (18)
Sean (20)	Henry (19)
Kai (21)	Ryan L (23)
Thurston (22)	Shahan (25)
Adi (27)	James (26)
Derick (35)	Noah (29)
Colin (38)	Ryan S (31)
Harry (39)	Lucas (36)
	Joshua (37)

The following boys who were absent from last week's rehearsal will need to stay online at the end of the Zoom rehearsal tomorrow so their part can be confirmed and completed.

- Steven K (J16)
- Miguel (J28)
- Dean (J33)
- Trin (J34)
- Toby (J40)

HOMEWORK

Continue your home practice on repertoire for the Winter Concert. Tracks have been provided to assist your learning.

Repertoire for our Winter Concert:

- ★ Wadawurrung – All Part 2
- ★ For the Children – All Part 1
- ★ Singabahambayo – All Part 1
- ★ Drunken Sailor (either Part 1 or 2 – see list above)
- ★ Take These Wings (either Part 1 or 2 – see list above)

Other Repertoire & Vocal Warm-up Videos:

- ★ Vocal Warmup Videos (online for you to utilise in practice)
- ★ Sight singing (for in-class use, no track)

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****NEW** SOLO AUDITIONS**

“For the Children” has the opportunity for a small group solo of Junior Choristers. Please chat with your son and if they are interested, they will need to let Ms Brook know at the next rehearsal. Over the coming weeks a time will be arranged to listen to choristers for this opportunity.

CRAZY HAIR DAY

A huge THANKYOU to all Junior choristers and families who participated and made a donation during last week’s Crazy Hair Day. Overall, the Junior Choir raised \$38 for Vision Australia. What a wonderful team effort! 😊

COMBINED REHEARSAL NEXT WEEK

Our next Elementary and Junior combined rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday next week, June 9. Junior rehearsal will start in-person earlier at 5:15pm and finish a little earlier at 6:45pm. We will alert families if the plan for this rehearsal should change.

2021 AUDITIONS

Auditions for our July 2021 and January 2022 intake are on now. If you know anybody who might be interested, please ask them to visit our website www.nationalboyschoir.com.au or email auditions@nationalboyschoir.com.au.

VERY SPECIAL KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

This is an annual performance at the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds for the Junior Choristers, run by Very Special Kids, a charity for children with life-threatening illnesses.

Please save the date now – Saturday 27 November – times and other details will be published soon.

Find out more about Very Special Kids from their website: <https://www.vsk.org.au/who-we-are>

Friendly reminders...

- ✓ **ESSENTIAL:** Junior rehearsal via Zoom tomorrow (use music from your satchels)
- ✓ **URGENT:** J16, J28, J33, J34 and J40 to remain on the Zoom call for their voice parts
- ✓ **ESSENTIAL:** Homework points
- ✓ Combined rehearsal on June 9
- ✓ Join the NBCA Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/843853609551876>
- ✓ Entertainment Memberships now available to purchase www.entbook.com.au/181d541/

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