

Tuesday 12 October 2021

#### DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

TOMORROW! Rehearsal via Zoom 6:00pm to 6:45pm

**CANCELLED** Very Special Kids Christmas Party – Melbourne Showgrounds

Saturday 18 December NBCA Christmas Concerts
Sunday 19 December NBCA Christmas Concert

#### THIS WEEK'S REHEARSAL via Zoom

Due to the lockdown, rehearsal for Junior choristers will continue **ONLINE** tomorrow 6:00pm to 6:45pm on Zoom (please note start and finish times).

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88054498129?pwd=dVZER0RnRVBwNUhOaThtT25ETS9TQT09

Meeting ID: 880 5449 8129 Passcode: NBCA2021

#### Virtual Rehearsal Room points to action:

- Write your name and choir number into the chat when you arrive (e.g. Joe Smith E 19)
- 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

There is no need to bring your sheet music or satchel to Zoom rehearsal. All music required will be presented on the screen (visual/aural).

The chat feature on Zoom is only to be used for direct questions/answers to the NBCA staff.

#### **VACCINES**

We are pleased to inform you that all our Office and Artistic Staff are now fully vaccinated. We are still waiting to hear what restrictions will remain in place as the state hits important vaccination targets over the next few weeks. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to get as many of your family as are eligible vaccinated as soon as possible.

Information about vaccinations can be found here: https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine

#### \*\*UPDATE\*\* CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR VERY SPECIAL KIDS – Cancelled

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic in Melbourne, the organisers of the Christmas Party for Special Children have regrettably decided to cancel their event, and will run a Toy Drive instead. <a href="https://www.vsk.org.au">https://www.vsk.org.au</a>

This has been a lovely public gig for our Junior choristers each year and we're saddened by the decision, although we appreciate the organisers' decision to cancel so they can ensure the health and safety of performers, volunteers and guests.



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#### **HOMEWORK**

Complete the rehearsal video for practice. Your challenge this week is to see how many of the pieces you can sing without looking at the music on the screen. Aim to practise with the video at least 4 times in the next week.

## **Term 4 Repertoire Rehearsal Video:**

#### **Junior Choir**

https://readycloud.netgear.com/client/dllink.html#t=1qjgskyc91fumvon6esg2l63z84/Junior %20Choir%20Warmup%20and%20Repertoire%20Rehearsal%20Video%20T4%202021.mp4

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#### Repertoire

- ★ For the Children All Part 1
- ★ Singabahambayo All Part 1
- ★ Drunken Sailor (Part 1 or 2)
- ★ Take These Wings (Part 1 or 2)
- ★ Do you hear what I hear?
- **★** The Christmas Clock
- ★ Jubilate, Sing with Joy
- ★ Jolly Old St. Nicholas
- ★ Mince Pie or a Pudding
- **★** Turkeys United

## **VOICE PARTS**

Voice parts have been allocated as follows:

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

<sup>\*</sup>Tracks and sheet music are uploaded on the choir website for you to access.



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Dean (33)	Noah (29)
Trin (34)	Ryan S (31)
Derick (35)	Lucas (36)
Colin (38)	Joshua (37)
Harry (39)	
Toby (40)	
Kazuki (41)	

#### **APOLOGIES**

If your son is unable to attend the rehearsal this week, please email <a href="mailto:office@nationalboyschoir.com.au">office@nationalboyschoir.com.au</a> . The inbox will be monitored during each day this week and during the rehearsal times as normal.

#### **OFFICE**

The office will remain closed until the end of the lockdown and staff members are working from home, except that Zoom classes can now be broadcast from the studios.

Email is the best way to contact the Choir during the lockdown – we will be able to phone you back if you leave your number in your message: office@nationalboyschoir.com.au

#### **TERM 4 FEES**

Term 4 invoices will be issued tomorrow. As advised in last week's Circular, due to the impact of COVID-19 lockdowns, a 25% discount has been allowed on Term 4 Tuition Fees. Also a \$100.00 refundable Stagewear Deposit which was to be invoiced this term has been deferred to next year.

Your assistance in paying your invoice by the due date would be appreciated. If you wish to talk about payment issues, please contact our Treasurer, Colin Seedy via <a href="mailto:treasurer@nationalboyschoir.com.au">treasurer@nationalboyschoir.com.au</a>.

#### **AUDITIONS**

If you know anyone who might be interested in auditioning, please direct them to our website.



# It starts with an audition...

The National Boys Choir of Australia is currently holding online auditions

for boys in years 1 and 2, for our January 2022 intake.
Auditions are free, informal, and take only a few minutes,
and will run through October 2021.
Since 1964 NBCA has offered unique musical experiences for boys,

with outstanding performance opportunities and vocal training, in a professional, supportive and friendly environment.

For more information, or to arrange an audition appointment, please visit our website:

www.nationalboyschoir.com.au

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## Friendly reminders...

- ✓ **ESSENTIAL:** Rehearsal tomorrow on Zoom at 6:00pm to 6:45pm
- ✓ **URGENT:** Homework items and video viewing (check your voice part in the above list)
- ✓ Do you know someone who wants to audition for the NBCA? Appointments now available
- ✓ Join the <u>NBCA Facebook group</u>