



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR
OF AUSTRALIA

Elementary Choristers Circular No. 33

Tuesday 26 October 2021

DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

TOMORROW!	Rehearsal via Zoom 5pm to 5:45pm
Saturday 18 December	3:00 pm NBCA Christmas Concert 1 5:00 pm NBCA Christmas Concert 2
Sunday 19 December	2:00 pm NBCA Christmas Concert 4

THIS WEEK'S REHEARSAL via Zoom

Our final online rehearsal for Elementary Choristers will be held tomorrow 5pm to 5:45pm 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 note:

- 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.

****NEW** LOCKDOWN LIFTED – Return to Ringwood**

With the lifting of Lockdown and further easing of restrictions from 6:00 pm this Friday 29 October, this Wednesday will signal the last Zoom rehearsal. Rehearsals from next Wednesday 3 November will return to the Ringwood studios at the usual time of **4:45 – 5:45 pm**. Zoom will be available for two weeks for any families who need more time to make arrangements to return, but we urge all boys to attend in-person rehearsals as soon as possible – *choir is not really choir on Zoom!*

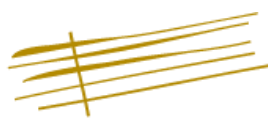
OFFICE

As a result of the changes to restrictions, the office and foyer will re-open for business on Monday 1 November. For the first rehearsal at Ringwood on 3 November the office and foyer will be closed, but will open fully at rehearsal the following week, up to the density limit of 20 people.

VACCINATION CERTIFICATES

The Choir has an obligation to provide the safest possible environment for its Staff, choristers and families, and we believe that vaccination is the best way to do this. Accordingly, when we reopen for rehearsals and other business, entrance to the premises for anybody 16 years old or over will require the following:

- QR code log-in
- A valid Vaccination Certificate shown to staff (fully vaccinated or legally exempt)
- Compliance with mask wearing and social distancing rules



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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 – there will almost certainly be aspects of choir in the next few weeks which will rely on family members being fully vaccinated.

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

***NEW* MRS DE JONGE**

We are saddened to report that Mrs Justine de Jonge has resigned from her position with the Choir, but delighted for her that she has been appointed to a new position with the City of Whitehorse. Mrs de Jonge has been with the NBCA since 2016 and has been a wonderful asset to the organisation, with her friendly manner and outstanding organisational and creative skills. She will be sorely missed. Her last work day will be Wednesday 10 November, so we are fortunate that there will be an opportunity for boys and families to say goodbye in person.

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.

NEW LINK: Term 4 Repertoire Rehearsal Videos for download – Elementary Choir

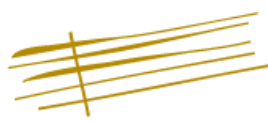
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This new link includes rehearsal videos for 'Once in royal David's city' and the 'Christmas Singalong'.

Repertoire:

- ★ For the Children – Part 2
- ★ Singabahambayo – Part 2
- ★ Miracle of Lights
- ★ Solfege Santa
- ★ Jubilate, Sing with Joy
- ★ Jolly Old St. Nicholas
- ★ Mince Pie or a Pudding
- ★ Turkeys United
- ★ Christmas Singalong

*Tracks and sheet music are uploaded on the choir website for you to access.



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***NEW* ON THE HORIZON**

The announcement of details of Victoria's roadmap out of COVID restrictions will mean some changes to our proposed December program. The calendar will be updated fully in next week's Circular, as soon as we have confirmed arrangements this week.

TERM 4 FEES

Term 4 invoices are due this Friday October 29. 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 treasurer@nationalboyschoir.com.au.

APOLOGIES

If your son is unable to attend the rehearsal this week, please email office@nationalboyschoir.com.au. The inbox will be monitored during each day this week and during the rehearsal times as normal.

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



Friendly reminders...

- ✓ **ESSENTIAL:** Rehearsal tomorrow on Zoom from 5pm to 5:45pm
- ✓ **URGENT:** Homework items and video viewing
- ✓ Term 4 fees due this Friday
- ✓ Do you know someone who wants to audition for the NBCA? Appointments now available
- ✓ Join the [NBCA Facebook group](#)

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<https://nationalboyschoir.com.au/choir-community/>