



Canberra Performing Choir Commitments 2020

Commitment

In order for the choir to continue to reach, and surpass, the high standard of performance and presentation that we have attained, choristers in our senior levels must understand that choir commitments come directly after compulsory school engagements (not co-curricular school commitments). We understand that busy and talented young women of the calibre of our senior choristers will always have many other interests such as dance, instrumental lessons, or sporting commitments. It is important to establish an order of priorities. We expect 100% attendance at weekly rehearsals and other choir events and many choristers nationally achieve this. The minimum attendance rate that we are prepared to accept is 80%.

Rehearsal Times and Venue

Thursday evenings from 6.30 – 9.00pm at Canberra Girls Grammar School, Melbourne Avenue, Deakin (Senior School). Rehearsals commence on **Thursday January 30, 2020**.

Costume and Uniform

The weekly rehearsal uniform for Performing Choir consists of navy dance pants, a **navy t-shirt**, a magenta polar fleece and optional shorts. Choristers will also need to purchase an AGC Backpack.

The Performing Choir costume consists of black costume pants, a coloured top and black jazz shoes. It will be necessary for all new choristers to purchase the black costume pants at a cost of \$50 at the beginning of 2020. Provision of the costume top is included in 2020 fees; tops will be on loan and need to be returned when girls leave the choir.

Australian Girls Choir Concerts

Performing Choristers are expected to participate in all Australian Girls Choir concerts throughout the year including the associated onstage rehearsals – the Winter Showcase Concerts (June) and the Annual Concerts (November/December). Confirmed dates will be provided in early 2020. Should you be unable to attend one of the concerts, we ask that you please contact our office to discuss this.

Public Engagements

We are invited to participate in a number of public engagements each year and this requires a high level of commitment from girls and parents. On some occasions event organisers provide transport to and from the event, however for most engagements it is the responsibility of parents to organise their daughter's transport. The decision to participate in public engagements is at each parent's discretion; we encourage girls to make themselves available for public engagements unless there is a compulsory school event or family commitment that prevents this happening.

Tour

We are pleased to be offering two touring opportunities in 2020: a two week National Tour in June and a three week International Tour in September. All Canberra Concert Level and Performing choristers will be eligible to audition to tour with the AGC in 2020. Auditions for our National and International Tours will be held early next year. Further information will be provided with Newsletter 9 at the beginning of term four.

See the next page for further details of Performing Choir commitments

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Performing Choir 2020 Fees

The Performing Choir annual fees for 2020 are \$2160. This fee incorporates participation in weekly classes; all extra combined rehearsals; the compulsory residential Music School; the provision of a costume top for choir concerts and engagements and the loan of original notated sheet music.

Music School

Saturday March 21 and Sunday March 22, 2020

ACT Performing Choir will attend a weekend residential music school in Sydney where they will join with NSW Camerata choristers. Attendance at the Music School is expected for all Performing choristers. Non-attendance must be discussed with us prior to acceptance as a significant amount of work is covered over the two days and the Winter Showcase choreography item is learnt.

Performing Choir Music School 2021

Please note that in 2021 all ACT Performing choristers will attend the National Performing Choir Music School, which is held for 5 days during the April school holidays. The Music School has been a compulsory event since the choir's inception. Up to a year's intensive work is covered in this time and choreography items are learnt. We understand that conflicts can arise but the rule is and will remain the same; girls who cannot attend this Music School are ineligible to be part of Performing Choir.

The 2021 Performing Choir Music School will be held from Monday April 12 – Friday April 16, 2021 at Phillip Island Adventure Resort in Victoria. Participation in the Music School is included as part of the annual Performing Choir fees.

Extra Rehearsal Days

To prepare for engagements and concerts we will be holding four compulsory rehearsal days for Performing Choir throughout the year. Full attendance is expected. Dates and times will be confirmed in early 2020.

Full Day Rehearsals

Standard Repertoire Rehearsal – Held in February

Annual Concert Choreography Day – Held in August

Carols Rehearsal Day – Held in September

Annual Concert Production Rehearsal – Held in October/November

Performing Choir Leadership

Early next year Tutors will select girls to be part of our leadership team. These choristers are given responsibilities, including leading vocal warm ups, are role models for other girls and are encouraged to act as mentors to younger choristers.

Performing Choir Dance Group – Ballare

All Performing choristers may audition for Ballare at the beginning of 2020. Ballare is a specialist dance group consisting of up to 10 Performing choristers. These girls will rehearse separately each week, and will have the opportunity to work with a professional choreographer to hone their dance and performance skills. The group will feature in a number of Performing Choir and massed items. Rehearsals take place between 5.45 – 6.30pm prior to Performing Choir rehearsal and a fee of \$580 per year applies.