

Audition Information - 2023

Thank you for your interest in membership of The Queensland Choir.

The following information is provided for your consideration before applying for membership.

The Queensland Choir performs mainly as a Symphonic Choir but on occasions it forms smaller groups for particular events. The membership of these smaller choruses is selected by the Musical Director from the membership of the Symphonic Choir based on the repertoire requirements and the ability to attend the additional rehearsals required.

More information on the choir, its history and program is available on the choir web site www.qldchoir.com.

AUDITIONS

Auditions for the start of 2023 are scheduled for the following dates:

Monday 23 January 6.00 – 9.00pm

Tuesday 24 January 6.00 – 9.00pm

Saturday 28 January 1.00 -5.00pm

These auditions will be held at the Choir's rehearsal venue Merthyr Road Uniting Church, 52 Merthyr Rd, New Farm. Auditions will also be held throughout the year as required, normally on Monday evenings during a break in rehearsal.

Auditions are held by appointment only. To arrange an audition time, please complete the audition registration form and post or email it to the choir office.

If you would prefer to come **and sit in on a rehearsal** prior to auditioning, please feel free to join us one Monday evening early in 2023 and we will organise an audition time when you visit us.

We also have members who are willing to assist you with preparing for your audition if required. Please give the Choir Office a call in advance so that we know you are coming, can ensure you are looked after, and can organise a mentor to work with you prior to the audition if required.

We commence rehearsals for 2023 on Monday 6th February.

Audition Preparation

Please read the following information carefully to ensure that you are fully prepared for the audition.

The audition lasts around 5 - 7 minutes and consists of the following:

1. Vocalisation

Some simple scales and/or exercises to warm up your voice and to check your vocal range.

2. Ear tests

Some simple ear tests to check your aural ability including:

- Singing back a short melody or clapping its rhythm after it is played to you;
- Singing individual notes in a chord; and
- Singing a random series of notes.

3. Prepared work

You will be asked to sing your voice part (eg. S, A, T or B) of the chorus "Surely He has borne our Griefs" from Handel's *Messiah* - with piano accompaniment. If you do not have a copy of this chorus, the choir can post or email one to you.

It can also be downloaded from the following internet site:

www.cpd.org

or

http://www.singharmony.com/samples/messiah_scores.php

4. Sight singing

You will be asked to sight sing a short, simple passage of music (not more than four bars) for your voice part with piano accompaniment.

Audition Results

Applicants are graded by the Musical Director after audition and accepted into the choir based on this grading and the current need for specific voice types. For continuing members, their previous rehearsal and concert attendance record will also be taken into consideration.

The result of auditions will be communicated to singers within one week of their audition.

Audition Tips

If you hate the idea of having to audition and feel you cannot do your best under such circumstance, then you are quite normal.

Here are some hints on how to feel your best at your audition

- Wear whatever you feel most comfortable in;
- Have a quiet day / morning before auditioning. If you are stressed with work and 'run off your feet' - it is difficult to focus properly;
- If you would like a glass of water or a music stand, feel free to ask at the audition;
- If you are sick on the day of your audition, it's best to postpone.

REHEARSALS

The Choir rehearsals are held on Monday evenings from 7.15pm-9.45pm including holiday weekends. A short break is included midway in the rehearsal.

When concerts are imminent, additional time may be required for rehearsals with the conductor and orchestra or other musical ensembles. This may include rehearsals on Thursdays or Saturdays. Attendance at final rehearsals is mandatory.

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Rehearsal Location

Most rehearsals are held at the Merthyr Road Uniting Church, 52 Merthyr Rd. New Farm. Street parking is available near the venue. This is also accessible by bus

from the city. Orchestral and final rehearsals are normally held in the concert venue or the orchestra's rehearsal space.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

TQC's annual membership fee for 2022 is \$400 (Concession \$345) which includes the use of all music. Free membership is offered to full time students under the age of 26yrs. However, a deposit of \$50 (refunded at the end of the year) is required to cover music.

Fees are due and payable in full on the first night of rehearsal.

CONCERT DRESS

Men

Concert dress for men is generally a black suit (dinner suit) white shirt, black bow tie, black shoes and socks.

Ladies

The three-piece uniform for the ladies is available for purchase at the cost of \$160.00. Uniforms in good condition can be sold back to the choir when singers leave the choir.

Where this is not available singers will be required to wear an all black outfit – details of which will be provided.

CONCERT COMMITMENT

Choristers are expected to take part in all concerts where possible and to attend at least 80% of the rehearsals scheduled for those performances.

Attendance rolls are marked at each rehearsal and attendance less than this may result in singers having to undertake an audition to demonstrate their knowledge of a work or being excluded from a performance.

AUDITION REGISTRATION FORM –2023

Please return the completed form to the Choir at the E mail address above.
You will be contacted to confirm a time for your audition.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Title: (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr etc)

Full Name:

Home Address:

Suburb

Postcode

E Mail Address:

Telephone:

Home:

Mobile:

Occupation:

Date of Birth (if under 26yrs):

eg: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Free membership applies to under 26yrs

MEMBER TYPE (please circle)

New Member

Continuing Member

Returning Member

Returning Members: please indicate your last year of membership of *The Queensland Choir*.

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Previous Choral Experience:

Provide details of choirs / choral groups with whom you have sung

Have you had any vocal training?

Yes

No

Do you read music?

Very Well

Well

Fair

A little

Not at all

Can you Sight Sing?

Yes

No

Unsure

Instruments played:

BOOKING AUDITIONS: Audition Dates and Times

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Where did you hear about the Queensland Choir?

Web ☐ Newspaper ☐ Radio ☐ Facebook ☐ Choir Member ☐ Church ☐ E Mail ☐ Other ☐

Signed by Applicant:

Date: