



# Welcome Information

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We're so glad you've chosen to join one of the most progressive and cutting edge choirs in Melbourne. This document is designed to get you up to speed on the ins and outs of MCCHOIR and MCGospel. Have a read - we've summarized most of the things you will encounter as part of your MCCHOIR and MCGospel experience - if something's not covered, please ask, we're here to help. Again thanks for joining us and welcome aboard!

- Melbourne Contemporary Choir (comprising MCCHOIR and MCGospel) is always open to new members. It's the responsibility of existing members to make everyone feel welcome (members are affectionately referred to as the M-TEAM).
- After your complimentary MCCHOIR or MCGospel rehearsal session you can elect to join MCCHOIR or audition for a part in MCGospel.
- MCCHOIR sings songs performed by contemporary artists like Adele, Frances, Sam Smith, P!NK and other top 40 artists, as well as a range of other music suited to the group.
- MCCHOIR and MCGospel also sings original songs written especially for the choir to record and perform.
- MCCHOIR has recorded an EP of original songs available on iTunes and Google Play – for a taste, head to [www.mcchoir.com](http://www.mcchoir.com) for the links to Others. →
- 2019 is going to be an exciting year with television appearances and music video productions planned as well as exciting performance opportunities.
- We love receiving repertoire suggestions - chat to Jason or post your idea to the members group on Facebook.
- MCCHOIR sessions are held on Monday evening at Kathleen Syme Library and Community Centre, Carlton from 6:45pm to 9:00pm and Thursday evenings at Macleod College from 7:30pm to 9:45pm during school term time and MCGospel Tuesday evenings 7:00pm-9:15PM
- We expect members to attend the majority of rehearsals at their campus in a given term.
- Performances are a regular occurrence and can be used to develop members' performance skills, to raise the profile of MCCHOIR, MCGospel and MCYOUTH and help grow membership and sell our merchandise.
- Members play a significant role in helping spread the word and sell tickets for performances.



- MCCHOIR does fundraising from time to time for charities and performs at community events and festivals.
- From time to time the choir may be paid for commercial gigs and members may be eligible for a honorarium payment but most gigs are unpaid for members. Since some gigs have limited numbers, voice types such as Soprano and Alto may be selected to ensure a balance of voice types.

#### MCBLACK

- Our auditioned ensemble, MCBLACK is a smaller group of singers who rehearse outside of regular choir sessions and are brought together based on voice type and availability for specific corporate client bookings, weddings etc, where a smaller group is required. Singers from outside of the choir may also be called upon to perform with MCBLACK depending on performance requirements and availability of voice types within the choir. If you are interested in auditioning for this group and to be put on our singers list for these types of gigs please contact Jason at [voice@mcchoir.com](mailto:voice@mcchoir.com) to arrange an audition. Preference will generally be given to singers who have a demonstrated public performance history and who have an excellent attendance record at regular MCCHOIR and/or MCGospel sessions.

#### Each Week

- On arrival at a session, members check in and collect and wear their named lanyard, returning it at the end of the session ready for next week.
- Members are issued a music book for MCCHOIR at the start of the year at a cost of \$50 to cover licensing and printing costs. MCGospel and MCYOUTH provide music and lyric sheets as required.
- There is a supper break mid-way through the adult rehearsals – a great opportunity to socialise and meet some new faces as well as catch up with friends.
- All members help to pack away when rehearsals are over.
- If you are unable to attend a rehearsal, text the MCCHOIR phone on 0490 170 750 please DO NOT post absences on the members facebook page.

#### Staying Connected

- The choir uses and relies on the MCCHOIR App (Team App) for all communications, including session details, upcoming gigs and between-rehearsal announcements and pre-performance communications. You can elect to have these communications emailed to you through the app.
- A member's private Facebook group page has also been set up if you like to be social.
- Important information, Membership Terms and Conditions as well as schedules and documents are stored in the Members area of the website. From [www.mcchoir.com](http://www.mcchoir.com), select Members (Secure) from the dropdown menu and enter the password provided.



- To join our Members Facebook group, provide your facebook email to one of the group admins Jason Simmonds, Linda Agnew or Adam Newton - they will then add you to the group.

#### Every Part Available On Our Chorus Class App

- Tracks for each of the song parts, track mixes and backing tracks are available to listen to anytime, using the Chorus Class App. You will be provided with the current years access code from <https://www.chorusclass.com> Individual vocal parts can be isolated for learning your part.
- You can also download the tracks from Dropbox - links are located on the Members area of the website. Once you've downloaded the tracks from Dropbox, you can load them onto your favourite device, to listen to whenever / wherever. If you need help downloading onto your device, feel free to ask.
- It is the responsibility of members to jump onto the Chorusclass app to keep up to date and get the tracks you need to practise between rehearsals and in the lead up to performances.
- Parts are also uploaded to the members website and Dropbox

#### Team Work

- Members each take a turn at bringing along some supper and a supper roster is co-ordinated at each location.
- From time to time MCCHOIR does fund raising activities for specific projects or the purchase of equipment.
- There are opportunities for members to volunteer for roles as required e.g. supper roster, managing music, assisting with marketing and promotion, set up/packup and registration desk etc.

#### Music Policy

- Each choir member is allocated a numbered music folder for MCCHOIR at the start of the year. Music should not be photocopied or used outside of the choir. Members can elect to have a digital copy of the music in place of the physical copy. Members can also purchase an additional music licence at a cost of \$50.
- The license for printed music remains the property of Melbourne Contemporary Choir.
- Music can be marked up with pencil.
- A reprint cost of \$30 per book will be charged for damaged or lost music.

#### Gig Gear (unless otherwise advised)

**GIRLS:** Blocks of black and white outfit (dress, skirt or pants) with black/White top &/or jacket with silver &/or tasteful bling (more formal) or gear with an element of denim (less formal). No cleavage or very short skirts. Black shoes.

**GUYS:** Black T-shirt with sports jacket, black jacket or leather jacket or black/White shirt with optional jacket. Black pants, socks and shoes.

Please maintain tidy hair (out of the face) and grooming for performances





## Payment Policy Summary

- We rely on fees to help cover the running costs of the choir including our music library, copyright obligations, special projects, venue hire, insurance and administration costs.
- Fees are paid prior to the start of each Quarter/Season (2 Quarters) or Year.
- Fees are generally not refundable.
- Special arrangements may be made in certain cases upon request.
- Fees are invoiced via email and paid by the Quarter, Season or Year with payment generally due within 7-14 days.
- Members starting mid-way through a term will be invoiced pro rata.
- The quarterly fees for MCCHOIR or MCGOSPEL are \$155 per quarter.
- Members can elect to join a second choir ie MCCHOIR and MCGOSPEL and their second choir will be charged at \$100 per quarter.
- Annual membership payment and for additional family members from within the same household may be offered a discount, after the first full fee paying member.
- Fees can be paid by electronic funds transfer into the choir account:

Account Name: Melbourne Contemporary Choir

BSB: 083614

Account #: 245245217

Please put your name in the description so we know who to send the receipt to.

- Cheques should be made payable to Melbourne Contemporary Choir.
- We can also accept cash at rehearsals (correct change) or EFT payment.
- Please refer to the Fee Structure Policy and Member Terms and Conditions available on the website for more detail.

## Thank You!

- We're delighted to welcome you to the MCCHOIR family.
- Chat to Jason or another member of the M-TEAM Liaison Crew if you have further questions or feedback - we want to make MCCHOIR and MCGOSPEL the best possible experience for every member as they achieve their own Creative Best.
- Now it's time to tell your friends and family about MCCHOIR - we'd love to meet them too!

