



## February 2011 Newsletter

### Welcome

Welcome back to YVM for another year of singing. I hope all families have had a relaxed and enjoyable summer and are ready to start a new year. I also hope that new choir members are settling in well to their YVM groups. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns as you settle in.

Please read this newsletter carefully, and especially note the calendar at the rear which lists details of all choir performances and special events. The newsletter is emailed to families, and also distributed in hard copy at rehearsals. If you lose your newsletter, the latest version is always available at the choir web site.

### Medical Forms for 2011

Most choir families have now returned a medical form for their children. These were emailed in December with the December Newsletter and posted in January with the tuition fees invoices. If you haven't and can't find one we have sent you, you can download a copy of the medical form from our website at <http://www.yvm.com.au/newsletter/> and click on the "downloadable forms and brochures" link.

### 20th Anniversary Concert Photos

Professional photos were taken of our concert rehearsal and these are available for choir families to peruse and order prints. You can do so by visiting Bronwen Casey's web site [www.myworks.com.au](http://www.myworks.com.au) and following the links to "client photos viewing and sales". You will need to enter the PIN for this event which is yv8g3m7f9z11. An information sheet with more precise details will be distributed at choir with the hard copy of the newsletter.

### Main Choir Camp

Choir will be heading off to camp at Candlebark Farm on the weekend of 11th - 13th February. Details have been posted out with tuition fee invoices, but let us know if you need another form. Don't forget to bring a plate of cake/slice to share so we can have fabulous morning and afternoon teas!

### Senior Training Choir Festival of Voices Tour 2011 - Deposit due 21st February

The Senior Training Choir will be touring to Hobart in July to participate in the wonderful Festival of Voices. The choir will participate in the Festival Youth Choir of around 200 singers, sing in great venues in Hobart and be a key part of the bonfire celebration in Salamanca Place. We will also have time for some sightseeing in and around Hobart. We have booked out the entire Astor Private Hotel for a safe, secure and comfortable place to stay. Cost of the tour will be around \$600 per person (exact amount to be confirmed once we have made airline bookings), and now we need to know who would like to come!

- To secure a place please return a deposit of \$100 by Monday 21st February

### Samoa Tour - Deposit Due 21st February

We have now booked airfares and accommodation for our Samoa Tour in September, departing Saturday 24th September and arriving home on Monday 3rd October. We will be flying Virgin Blue and staying at Aggie Greys Hotel and Bungalows in Apia. Cost is \$2,000 per person, and now we need a confirmation of your involvement.

- To secure a place please return a deposit of \$200 by Monday 21st February

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## **Ooolation! Tasmania Winter Singing Adventure 2011**

YVM will be running a singing camp for singers aged 18 - 28 (with flexibility) with leaders Malcolm Dalglish, Moira Smiley and Joshua Kartes from the USA and Mark O'Leary and Peter Jacob from Oz! While this camp is geared mostly towards past YVM members and other singers, older YVM members can apply. We will camp on remote Maria Island for 5 nights, before heading to Festival of Voices where the Ooolation! Singers will play a key role. If you would like more information, send us an email. formal applications will be opening soon.

## **Young Voices of Melbourne Tuesday Small Group Rehearsal Lists Semester One 2011**

### **Tuesday Group A 5.00pm**

**Rehearsing 15th Feb, 1st, 15th, 29th March, 10th, 24th May, 7th, 21st June**

Frank Dixon	Jackson Barr
Alex Rafaniello	Catherine Hronakis
Monika Weber	Harper Morton
Jenna Sullivan	Claudine Sand
Michael Mews	

### **Tuesday Group A 6.00pm**

**Rehearsing 15th Feb, 1st, 15th, 29th March, 10th, 24th May, 7th, 21st June**

Poppy Patten	Phoebe Evans
Alex Olijnek	Annika Wagar
Rosie Walshe	Harriett Bailey
Phoebe Thorburn	Steph Kinnear
Celine Vinot	

### **Tuesday Group B 5.00pm**

**Rehearsing 22nd Feb, 8th, 22nd March, 3rd, 17th, 31st May, 1st, 14th June**

Ciara McCoppin	Katherine Trail
Alana Meehan	Bronte Hyams
Oliva Federow-Yemm	Simone Chait
Megan Shaw	Sophie Cashin

### **Tuesday Group B 6.00pm**

**Rehearsing 22nd Feb, 8th, 22nd March, 3rd, 17th, 31st May, 1st, 14th June**

Emilia Bertolini	Emma Casey
Georgia Bartlett	Jessica Earls
Lachlan Lo	Matthew Cooke
Tim Bennett	Darcy Bennett
James Crozier	

### **Notes:**

1. Tuesday small groups are usually for choir members in school years up to Year 9 or 10 (depending on progress through the training program and space in the thursday small group)
2. Singers are required to attend a small group session every second week.
3. If you cannot attend on your allocated day (because of a school camp, excursion etc) then you need to make up the rehearsal the week before or the week after.

## **Miscellaneous Important Information for New People (and Reminders for Old!)**

**Who's Who:** Mark O'Leary - The Boss! Always happy to hear from you via email (mark@yvm.com.au) or by phone 95785459. Also happy to receive texts to 0418 327426, but not a great returner of sms! Its often a bit busy to have much of a talk at rehearsals.

Barbara O'Leary (Mark's mum) - Honorary Treasurer, Uniform Co-ordinator and Rehearsal Supervisor. Phone her on 95961244 (or email to jb.oleary@bigpond.com) for queries about fees, uniforms and supervision.

Marion Stafford - our Beginning Training Choir Teacher

Amelia Alder, Mirrin Cant and Elizabeth O'Leary - our tutors with the Junior and Senior Training Choirs, who work individually with choir members to help them with their musicianship skills development.

Julia Piggin - our accompanist who comes to rehearsals sometimes and plays for concerts

We also have a Management Committee and lots of regular volunteer supervisors/helpers who can be seen working hard at YVM events. Please let us know if you are happy to be asked to be involved.

### **Commitment and Communication**

We expect that all choir members will attend all performances and camps for their groups, and we trust that choir members will be there unless it is impossible. In our planning we assume that all choir members will be attending all concerts, camps and tours. It is your responsibility to let us know if for some reason your are not available. If you are unable to attend a choir event, it is very important that we have as much notice as possible. We ask for at least four weeks notice for concerts, and more notice for tours. Apologies must be given to Mark in writing (as he can be forgetful!) Every choir member is important, and the absence of any member will weaken the choir's performance, so if we are to maintain our high standard we need you all to be well organised. A Newsletter is published at the start of each month, and new dates are often added, so please keep up to date. (Latest newsletter also at [www.yvm.com.au/newsletter](http://www.yvm.com.au/newsletter))

Please make sure Mark has your latest email address so that you can be kept up to date in the most efficient way.

### **Rehearsal Attendance**

Please let Mark know if you need to miss a rehearsal. Regular attendance is important for choir members to maintain and develop their skills as well as learn repertoire. Of course all choir members will miss rehearsals from time to time due to school camps, important school or family functions and illness. Most choir members would not miss more than one rehearsal each term. It would not be appropriate to miss more than 6 rehearsals in a year. Singers who miss too many rehearsals may be asked to leave the choir.

### **What to bring to Rehearsals**

Choir members need to bring their YVM music bag, containing their music sheets, training program book and a few pencils to each rehearsal. Main choir members also need to have an A440 tuning fork. Music Bags and tuning forks are available from the choir shop which is set up at Monday and Thursday rehearsals.

### **Music**

Music given to choir members is on loan only, and must be returned in good condition. You may be charged for lost or damaged music, and it can be expensive, so it is best to look after it carefully from the start.

### **Fundraising Activities**

The main choir travels each year to share its music with others - within Victoria, Australia and every few years overseas. In 2011 the Senior Training Choir is once again traveling too. To make these opportunities more affordable we have fundraising activities throughout the year. We also set up a choir shop at rehearsals each Monday and Thursday which sells chocolates, choir Cds and other fundraising items. We hope you will enthusiastically support our fundraising activities, including an annual chocolate drive when we send boxes of chocolate home to families to sell to their families and friends.

### **Camps and Tours - Who will be there to supervise my precious children!**

An excellent question! Mark and Barbara attend all rehearsal camps, and are assisted with supervision by volunteer choir parents and choir music staff who are dedicated to the care and safety of your children. If you believe you would be a good supervisor on camps, please speak to Barbara.

Parents also supervise on tours. We ask for expressions of interest from parents who are interested in touring with the choir, and we select a Tour Team with the right skills and attitudes for the job. Those wishing to supervise on tours must agree to being the subject of a police background check.

### **Uniforms**

Children do not wear uniforms to rehearsals. Barbara O'Leary will look after this, and she will make sure that you have everything you need for your first performance of the year.

# February 2011 Calendar

CHOIR = main choir members  
 SMALL GROUP = small group of  
 main choir members (to be advised)



BTC = Beginning Training Choir  
 JTC = Junior Training Choir  
 STC = Senior Training Choir

PLEASE NOTE: All choir members are expected to attend all choir concerts. However, if it is impossible for you to attend please make a written apology, at least one month prior to the concert. This is essential for our concert planning, as missing persons may necessitate us changing the repertoire for concerts, arranging replacement singers etc.

Monday 7th February	1st Training Choirs rehearsals for 2011 BTC and JTC 4.45 - 5.45pm STC 6.00 - 7.30pm	BTC, JTC, STC
Tuesday 8th February	Choir small group performance (advised separately)	SMALL GROUP
Thursday 10th February 11th - 13th February	Main choir rehearsal 6.15 - 8.15 (no small group tonight) Choir Rehearsal Camp (Candlebark Farm, Healesville) Depart 6.15pm Friday evening and return 3.15 Sunday afternoon. Camp information forms were posted in January.	CHOIR
Tuesday 15th February Thursday 17th February	Tuesday small groups start (schedule attached) Thursday small group starts tonight.	
Monday 21st February	Senior Training Choir Hobart Tour deposit of \$100 due today. Choir Samoa Tour desposit of \$200 due today.	
Saturday 26th February	Choir small group performance (people tba)	SMALL GROUP
Monday 14th March	Labour Day - no rehearsals	
18th - 20th March	Senior Training Choir Rehearsal Camp (Candlebark Farm, Healesville) Depart Friday evening and return Sunday afternoon. Full details soon.	STC
Friday 8th April Wednesday 27th April Sunday 1st May	End Term 1 Start Term 2 Choral @ Montsalvat (afternoon) (Montsalvat, Eltham)	CHOIR EVERYONE
Saturday 4th June Monday 13th June Friday 17th June Sunday 26th June Sunday 26th June 30th June - 10th July	Choral Cafe 3pm (Glen Eira Art Complex Auditorium) Queens Birthday - no rehearsals Kodaly Choral Festival (Ian Roach Hall, Scotch College) Oodoo and YVM Concert (afternoon) End Term 2 Ooolation! Tasmania Winter Singing Adventure for singers 18 - 28 (with flexibility) with Malcolm Dalglish, Moira Smiley and Joshua Kartes (USA) and Mark O'Leary and Peter Jacob	CHOIR CHOIR, STC OLDIES
6th - 10th July Monday 18th July Friday 12th August	By application. Senior YVM members may apply. Senior Training Choir Festival of Voices Tour (Hobart) Start Term 3 Kodaly Junior Choral Festival (evening) (Caulfield Grammar School, Wheeler's Hill)	STC BTC, JTC, STC
Friday 23rd September 24th September - 3rd October Sunday 16th October Monday 31st October Tuesday 1st Novmeber Sunday 4th December	End Term 3 Samoa Tour Training Choirs Concert 3pm (St John's Southgate) pre Cup Day holiday Cup Day Holiday YVM Christmas Celebration 7pm (Iwaki Auditorium)	CHOIR BTC, JTC, STC EVERYONE