



## October 2011 Newsletter

### Samoa Tour - Thanks

A big thankyou to Angela, Heather, Katrina, Ingrid, George and Julie for coming on tour to Samoa with the choir and looking after everyone so well. Thankyou also to all the choir for excellent performances in rather hot conditions, and great behaviour to make us all very proud of you. Its always wonderful on tour to see our younger choir members showing great improvement in their performance skills, and older choir members displaying leadership skills to inspire the team. We hope to have an informal homecoming concert and movie night for touring choir families in the next few weeks so we can show off our lavalavas etc so stay tuned for further details.

### Training Choirs Concert - Sunday 16th October

Our concert featuring our Training Choirs is on Sunday the 16th of October. Tickets are \$10 and \$5 and can be booked at choir, or purchased at the door. Please allow plenty of time to find the venue if you haven't been there before, and make sure singers are there to start rehearsal at 2pm. Details are on the calendar.

### Choir Performances Tuesday 18th October and Sunday 23rd October

#### Tuesday 18th October

This performance is now for a small group (as the performance space is a bit small) and I would like the following people to perform. Please let me know right away if you are unavailable so that I can arrange a replacement. Details of the performance are on the calendar.

S1: Audrey Vinot, Emma Kiernan, Emilia Bertolini, Maddy Hance, Alana Meehan, Annika Wagar, Stephanie Kinnear, Jessica Earls, Ruby Marslen

S2: Monica Weber, Evelyn Searle, Kara Robinson, Ciara Noble, Ciara McCoppin, Harriett Bailey, Emma Casey

A1: Katherine Trail, Meghan Shaw, Claudine Sand, Rosie Walshe, Bronte Hyams, Phoebe Evans, Myriam Vinot, Michael Mews, James Crozier

A2: Sam Robertson, Georgia Bartlett, Celine Vinot, Catherine Hronakis, Poppy Patten, Sophie Cashin, Harper Morton, Alex Rafaniello

#### Sunday 23th October

This performance is for the Thursday night small group people. I am assuming that everyone not available has made their apology by now, but let Mark know if there are any problems so replacements can be found if necessary. Details are on the calendar.

### Re-enrolment for 2012

Attached to this Newsletter is a re-enrolment form to be returned with a \$50 deposit by October 28th if you would like to continue with YVM in 2012. Please note that it is very important that we receive this form by the due date so that we can assess the number of places we have available for new choir members.

### Your thoughts please ...

In our long term planning we are contemplating a tour to South Africa in 2013. This would be with a US tour company who has run festivals in South Africa in association with the South African Choral Association for a few years. YVM toured South Africa in 1998 and had a very rich experience. However, SA is not the safest of destinations and some might be reluctant to let their children go. We don't want to go with half the choir, so can you please let me know your thoughts? Would you let your child go? (Choir and Senior TC parents)

# Young Voices of Melbourne

## Year 2012 Membership Re-enrolment

In order for us to determine the composition of rehearsal groups for 2012 and to integrate new members into the program, we need to know whether your child intends to continue with Young Voices of Melbourne in 2012. This form needs to be returned by all current choir members.

We therefore ask all members of all choir groups (Beginning Training Choir, Junior Training Choir, Senior Training Choir and main Choir) to return this form with a non-refundable \$50 deposit by Friday the 28th of October. The deposit will be deducted from next years fees.

**Failure to return this form by Friday 28th October may result in the loss of your child's place in Young Voices of Melbourne. There is strong interest in our program and many children are eagerly waiting to audition for a place.**

In late November we will be able to advise exactly who will be moving to new rehearsal groups in 2012. Generally children in Grades 1 and 2 will be in the Beginning Training Choir, children in Grade 3 and 4 will be in the Junior Training Choir and children in Grades 5, 6 and 7 (and sometimes 8) will be in the Senior Training Choir. However, there are exceptions as children develop at differing speeds, and there are prerequisite's for entry into the main choir which must be fulfilled. It is also sometimes necessary for children to wait until a vacancy in the next group becomes available.

Exact lists will be provided in November when we have determine each child's readiness to move. Please do not hesitate to speak to Mark on 95785459 (or mark@yvm.com.au) if you have any queries or concerns.

Please complete this form now - and return it to us by October 28  
YVM 1 Anthony St Ormond 3204 Fax 95767430

### Return Slip - Due before October 28 2011

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Choir Group: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish for my child to continue with YVM next year, and attached a \$50 deposit

**OR**

My child will not be continuing with YVM next year.

This form needs to be returned to us by 28th October with payment of \$50. Payment can be made by cheque payable to Young Voices of Melbourne, by card (at choir, by phone or using the form below), or by bank transfer to:

Young Voices of Melbourne Inc  
BSB 013 355 Account No: 3080 27832

VISA  Mastercard  Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

## YVM Tuesday Small Group Rehearsals Term 4 2011

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

**Rehearsing 25th October, 15th Nov, 29th Nov.**

**Note: No small group rehearsals on 18th Oct due to small group performance, or Cup Day 1st Nov**

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

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

**Rehearsing 25th October, 15th Nov, 29th Nov.**

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

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

**Rehearsing 11th October, 8th Nov, 22nd Nov.**

**Note: No small group rehearsals on 18th Oct due to small group performance, or Cup Day 1st Nov**

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

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

**Rehearsing 11th October, 8th Nov, 22nd Nov.**

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

Please Note:

1. Tuesday small groups are for choir members in school years up to Year 9 (though there are exceptions)
2. 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.
3. Singers are required to make adequate progress in the Training Program as well as attending the right number of sessions "Adequate progress in the training program" usually means passing an average of two training program sheets each session.

**There are a few singers who have not made adequate progress over the year so far, and they will be contacted directly to make plans for them to catch up.**

# October 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 10th October	Start Term 4	
Sunday 16th October	Training Choirs Concert (St John's Southgate) 3.00pm Concert (for one hour) Arrival: 2.00pm (finished 4.00pm) Wear: Performance Uniform Where: St John's Southgate. 20 City Road. Best accessed by public transport. St John's is behind the Southgate shops. Tickets \$10 adults and \$5 children.	BTC, JTC, STC
Tuesday 18th October	Performance for International Forum for Child Welfare Welcome Reception Who: Small group as advised on page 1 of this newsletter Where: Melbourne Town Hall, Yarra Room. Meet at main entrance in Swanston St Wear: short-sleeved black shirts and long black pants Arrival: ca 7.00pm (TO BE CONFIRMED) Finish: ca 8.00pm (TO BE CONFIRMED) (no small group rehearsals on today)	SMALL GROUP
Sunday 23rd October	Thursday small group performance at St Michael's Church (city) Who: Thursday small group people Where: St Michael's Church, 120 Collins St Melbourne (corner Russell Street) Arrival: 9.30am (Service from 10am - 11.15am) Wear: short sleeved black shirt and black pants	
Friday 28th October	Final date for 2012 re-onrolment forms and \$50 deposits	
Monday 31st October	pre Cup Day holiday (no rehearsals)	
Tuesday 1st November	Cup Day Holiday (no rehearsals)	
Friday 18th Novmeber	YVM Auditions for 2012: 3.30pm - 8.00pm	
Saturday 19th November	YVM Auditions for 2012: 9.00am - 2.00pm Current choir members do not need to re-audition but you might have family or friends who are interested.	
Sunday 4th December	YVM Christmas Celebration 7pm (Iwaki Auditorium)	EVERYONE