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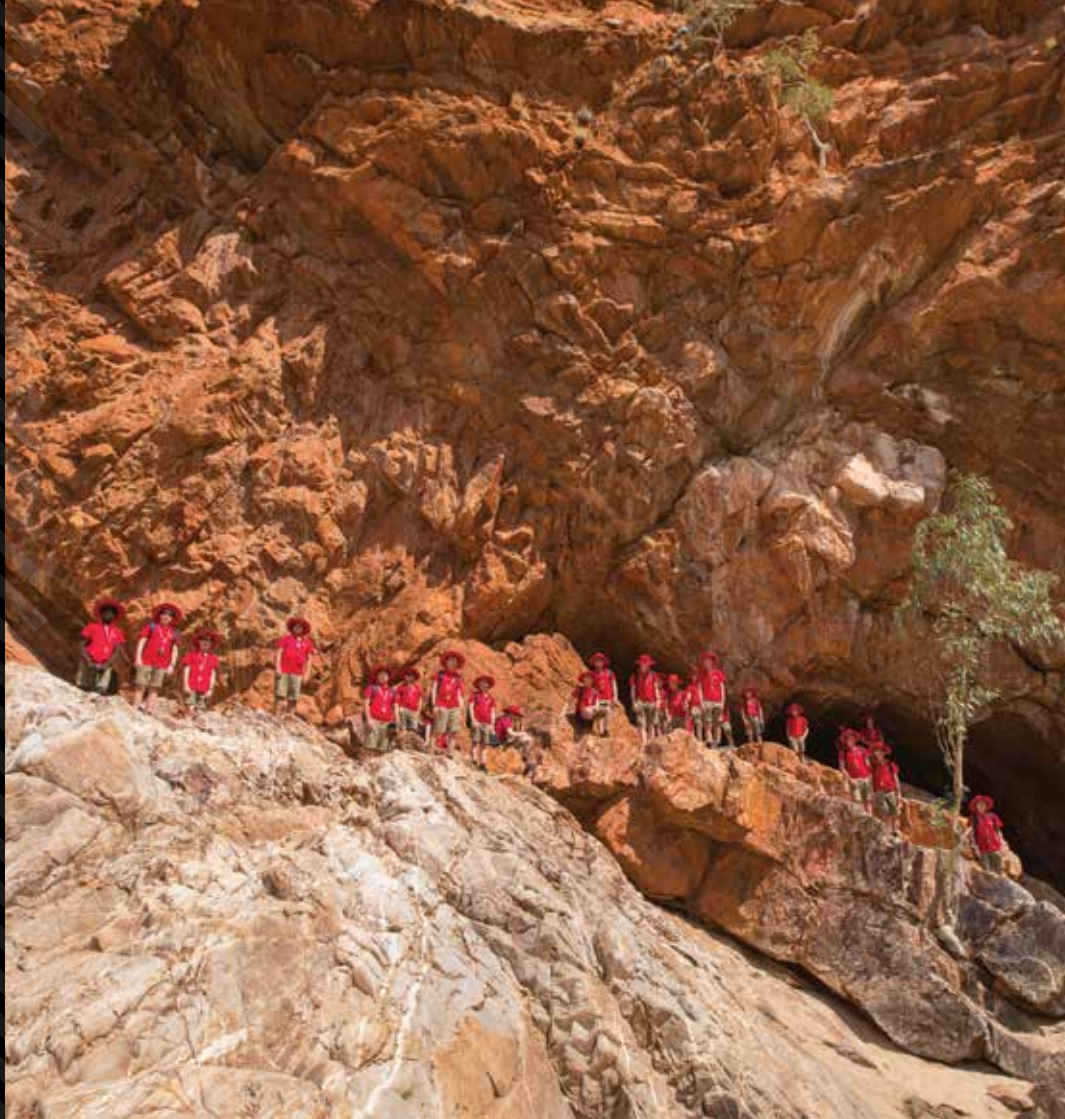


The
Australian
Boys **Choir**

excellence is a shared journey of musical discovery

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THE AUSTRALIAN BOYS CHOIR EUROPE 2018

Weaving together old and new, intertwining historical masterpieces from four centuries with enthralling new sounds from an ancient land, the voice of the Australian Boys Choir soothes. It refreshes. And, with a level of musical sophistication that surprises, it excites.

Established nearly 80 years ago, Australia's first and finest secular boys choir is a leader in choral education and performance and has worked under many international conductors, sung with such great orchestras as the Israel Philharmonic and Melbourne Symphony and appeared frequently on radio and television. In their continuing pursuit of artistic excellence, the choir has worked with Opera Australia, the Australian Ballet and on sound tracks of internationally acclaimed films including Oscar-nominated Elizabeth and The Dish.

The Australian Boys Choir's European tour is partly a musical pilgrimage to explore its musical roots across Germany, Austria, Hungary and the Czech Republic. But these skilled and vital young men are also proud to share masterpieces from the fresh and intriguing choral culture of their Australian homeland.

The Australian Boys Choir has presented many world premieres. Its varied repertoire includes a large proportion of Australian works amongst sacred and secular music from six centuries of the choral classics.

Singing with the performing choir in Europe are members of the Kelly Gang (teenagers) and The Vocal Consort (adults). These singers are mostly alumni of the boys' choir.

To become a member of the Australian Boys Choir, talented boys are selected via audition to undergo a rigorous training program that promotes vocal development, aural training and music reading, but also encourages the boys to build invaluable social and life skills.

ITINERARY



SEPTEMBER 2018

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| 9 | SUNDAY | Ballarat, Australia: “European Dreaming” concert, Ballarat Art Gallery |
| 21 | FRIDAY | Leipzig, Germany: 6pm Mass, Thomaskirche |
| 22 | SATURDAY | Leipzig, Germany: 3pm Mass, Thomaskirche |
| 24 | MONDAY | Prague, Czech Republic: Afternoon concert, St Nikolas Church |
| 25 | TUESDAY | Salzburg, Austria: combined concert with the Jugendkantoirei, Andrea Kirche |
| 26 | WEDNESDAY | Salzburg, Austria: Afternoon performance, Salzburg Cathedral |
| 28 | FRIDAY | Vienna, Austria: Combined concert with the Mozart Boys Choir, Donau City Kirche |
| 30 | SUNDAY | Budapest, Hungary: Afternoon workshop with Marton Toth and combined concert with the Kodaly School Choir. |

OCTOBER 2018

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| 21 | SUNDAY | Melbourne, Australia: “Welcome Home” Concert, Hawthorn Arts Centre |
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excellence is all over the world

REPERTOIRE

SACRED

Alleluia	Dulcie Holland (Australia, 1913-2000)
“Kyrie” from Mass for Seven Voices.....	William Yaxley (Australia, 2016)
Jesu, meine Freude BWV 227	Johann Sebastian Bach (1689-1750)
Jubilate Deo (2009).....	Joseph Twist (Australia, b. 1982)
Ubi Caritas (2011)	As above
May the Road Rise to Meet You.....	David Hamilton (New Zealand, 1993)
Missa Brevis in G KV 140	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

SECULAR

Dancing Song	Zoltán Kodály English words by Elizabeth Lockwood (1882-1967)
Danny Boy	Traditional, harm. Noel Ancell (Australia, 2018)

Hej, Igazítsad!	Lajos Bárdos (1899-1986)
”La-La Land” from Losing the Plot	Paul Stanhope Michael Leunig (Australia, 2005)
Lollipop	Ross & Dixon, arr. Michael Chang (Australia, 2002)
Past Life Melodies	Sarah Hopkins (Australia, 1992)
Pemulwuy	Paul Jarman (Australia, 2009)
Rain Dream	Joseph Twist (Australia, 2006)
The Traveller NT	Noel Ancell C J Dennis (Australia, 2004)
The Wanderer	Dan Walker (Indigenous words from Sydney dialect) (Australia, 2001)
Three Australian Bush Songs: Dawn, Birds, Sunset	Iain Grandage (Australia, 1999)
Waltzing Matilda	Marie Cowan A B (Banjo) Paterson, arr. Mark O’Leary (Australia, 1991)



excellence is timeless

**PROUDLY INTRODUCING
OUR TOURING SQUAD**



Nicholas Dinopoulos

Artistic Director, Australian Boys Choral Institute

A former boy chorister of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Nicholas Dinopoulos studied singing at the University of Melbourne under Merlyn Quaife AM, and furthered his training as a studio artist of Gertrude Opera. He maintains a busy performance schedule consisting of various concert, recital and operatic engagements, most notably as a core member of Songmakers Australia. He is frequently heard in national live-to-air broadcasts on ABC Classic FM.

As a conductor and educator, he currently holds positions at the Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music (Sessional Voice Teacher & Music Director, Monash University Singers), and has prepared both choral-symphonic and chamber choral works as a guest chorus master for leading Australian organisations. He has also been the resident vocal consultant to the National Youth Choir of Australia for the past four seasons.

A specialist in the field of changing voice and young men's singing, he has served on the staff of the Australian Boys Choral Institute since 2007. He is only the fifth Artistic Director appointed in the Choir's nearly 80-year history.

Graham Cox

Principal Accompanist, 2018 European Tour

Graham Cox began his musical career as accompanist and conductor of the Australian Boys Choir, and then as repetiteur at the Victoria State Opera. He has been working in Germany since 1986, where his positions have included repetiteur at the Deutsche Oper Berlin and Head of Music at the Nuremberg State Theatre.

In 2011 he returned to Berlin as a freelance musician, working as pianist, organist and harpsichordist for the Bamberger Symphoniker and Berliner Symphoniker and as private vocal coach. In this time, he has also had numerous contracts as assistant conductor and German language coach for Opera Vlaanderen (Antwerp and Ghent). In 2014 he took a 12-month 80% position as Kantor (organist and choirmaster) at two Berlin Lutheran churches, deputising for the young organist on parental leave. With the birth of her second child in 2016 he has returned this time for a two-year contract.



OUR CARERS



Rachel Jones

Volunteer Tour Carer

Plays (or has played) piano, flute, bassoon, trombone, guitar, bass guitar, cello, recorder. And the triangle!

"I'm so thankful for all my son is learning and experiencing through the Choir, and for the wonderful friends that I have made, too!"



Judy Taylor

Volunteer Tour Carer

Prolific breeder of Spiny Leaf Insects

"The way seemingly ordinary boys transform when they join together as the Choir to create the most beautiful music is simply breathtaking."

A very special thanks goes to late additions to the Touring Squad:
Tim Mallis (*Assistant Musical Director, 2018 European Tour*)
Liz Lindner (*Volunteer Tour Carer*)

OUR SINGERS





Eduardas Bimba

Soprano 1

Classical musician

Instruments: piano

"I've been to Europe before but not these places. I'm looking forward to seeing the places we are going and performing."



Harry Budd

Soprano 1

Bookworm and marathon runner

Instruments: piano

"I love the community based around choir. And the singing."

Oliver Clarke

Soprano 2

Artist, chef, geologist and guppy breeder

Instruments: piano, trumpet

"I love the concerts and all of the amazing places we get to visit. Did I mention I can't wait to try the food in Europe?"



Elliot Crook

Alto 2

Master pasta chef

Instruments: piano

"I've met a bunch of good friends at Choir and I'm looking forward to spending time with them on tour."



Yong Chan

Alto 1

Budding author and science fiction enthusiast

Instruments: piano

"I love learning how music works and singing."



Oscar Charles

Soprano 2

Comedian and football fanatic

Instruments: oboe

"I missed the Tigers' first AFL grand final win in 27 years while on the Choir's Central Australian tour. Will I miss their second when we're in Europe? I'm not complaining - Choir tours are the best!"

Joel Cunningham

Alto 1

Pro golfer

Instruments: ukulele

"I love the friends I've met at Choir and the biscuits during rehearsals. On tour I'm looking forward to the German food, especially the sausages. Did I mention that I love to eat?"



Patrick Dean*

Soprano 2

Avid rock climber and reader (not at the same time!)

Instruments: percussion

"I love singing and I'm looking forward to seeing Europe and exploring."





Cameron Gilchrist*
Soprano 1

Singer songwriter
Instruments: drums

"Music is my life. I love the friends and the cool places we get to perform through Choir."



Liam Graham*
Alto 1

Sound engineer of acoustics
in small spaces
Instruments: trombone

"I love that Choir is multicultural and we get to meet and become friends with people from all over Melbourne."

David Jones-Lerdprakun
Soprano 2

Born on Christmas Day
(that's why his middle name
is Nicholas!)
Instruments: piano, violin,
drums

"I can't wait to represent Australia and our talents, singing and making new friends."



Andrew Li
Soprano 2
Violin virtuoso
Instruments: violin, piano

"I love making friends through Choir and can't wait to visit Europe and represent Australia."



Jimmy Hilton
Soprano 1

Cartophile - particularly
likes Metro train maps

"I'm looking forward to singing in Europe's churches and comparing them to Melbourne. And collecting maps!"



Mitchell Hoskin
Soprano 2

Reptile keeper and prolific
reader of dystopian tomes
Instruments: saxophone,
piano

"I'm looking forward to listening to the different languages in Europe."

Duc Luu
Soprano 2

Champion snowboarder and
Judoka
Instruments: cello, percussion

"I love singing and singing as a group in front of a large audience with the Choir is even more fun."



Charlie Paul
Alto 1
Sockophile
Instruments: piano, guitar

"I like breakdancing, basketball, soccer, sleeping, skateboarding, swimming, surfing, skiing, bike riding, piano, reading Harry Potter, music and the arts, drawing, writing. I like anything Japanese - the food and the culture. And I love shoes. And socks."





Isaac Taylor

Alto 1

Left-handed basketballer
Instruments: ukulele

"I can't wait to sing in Europe and see what it is like. I think everyday life will be different."



Ben Thek

Soprano 1

Master Card Thrower 1 and
trickster
Instruments: trumpet, piano

"I love the kind of music Mr Ancell chooses for us to sing."

Sam Vivian

Soprano 2

Master Card Thrower 2
Instruments: french horn,
piano

"This is my first time so far away overseas that I can remember! I'm looking forward to travelling with friends and the songs we sing."



Hamish Westcott*

Soprano 1

Supreme dessert and
breakfast chef
Instruments: piano, violin,
guitar, recorder

"I've just come home from an orchestra tour of Europe and I'm looking forward to visiting different places."



Owen Trumble

Alto 2

Political scientist and 'Mad
Lad'
Instruments: saxophone

"Singing Bach in Bach's church will be a highlight."



Joshua Vass*

Soprano 1

Played a very convincing
'Kurt' in the recent
Melbourne season of 'The
Sound of Music'
Instruments: piano

"I love helping others reach their potential, learning awesome songs together and performing with the Choir."

Ethan Williams

Soprano 1

Potterhead and Hogwarts
historian
Instruments: piano

"I'm looking forward to cruising on the Blue Danube, hanging out with friends and performing the songs I love."



Thomas Williams

Soprano 2

Star hockey goal keeper
Instruments: cello, guitar,
piano, violin

"I love the opportunities you get from Choir - trips, singing Bach in Bach's church! Not many people get that opportunity."





Jarrod Wisdom

Alto 2

Interior designer and bird whisperer
Instruments: piano

"Singing as a group and travelling the world singing as a group are what I love about Choir."



Johannes Wong

Alto 1

Soccer superstar
Instruments: saxophone, piano

"I enjoy just hanging out with the Choir."

James Allpress

Tenor, Kelly Gang

Sailor and chionophile
Instruments: guitar

"I love touring the world with the Choir!"



Jonathan Ball

Baritone, TVC

Land surveyor, knife sharpener
Instruments: trumpet, alto saxophone

"The Choir is a community I've grown up with over 13 years. It's nice to have something fun to do... and brag about!"



Ryan Zhou

Soprano 2

Reader of the classic novels (and Harry Potter!)
Instruments: piano, violin

"I love coming to rehearsal every week and singing all of this wonderful music with my friends."

***denotes chorister**

Vikram Chunilal

Baritone, Kelly Gang

Undertaker (in Oliver Twist!)
Instruments: bassoon, piano

"Strengthening my singing skills, vocal coaching from Mr Ancell and mentoring younger members of the Choir are just some of the things I love about Choir."



Ian Damman

Baritone, Kelly Gang

Singer
Instruments: bass guitar, piano

"I love singing and I've developed so many friends here. I love catching up with people who share the same passion as me every week."





Reece Harrison
Tenor, Kelly Gang
Champion karateka
Instruments: piano

"I enjoy learning about the structure of pieces of music and the satisfaction of getting a piece right in the Choir. But most of all it's the feeling of singing in a group."



Mackenzie King
Tenor, Kelly Gang
Singer

"I enjoy the Kelly Gang because everyone gets along and is brought together just because they love to sing."

Vasunta Shipp
Tenor, Kelly Gang
Sports broadcaster, commentator, referee and participant
Instruments: trombone

"I can't wait to visit Europe. Music is a language I share with people all over the world who share the same passion."



Tony Stratford
Bass, TVC
Nurse, IT professional and former tram conductor. ABCI veteran of 18 years.
Instruments: guitar and ukulele

"Good times. Good music. The Australian Boys Choral Institute."



Dominic Morelli
Tenor, Kelly Gang
Mandarin speaking basketballer
Instruments: saxophone

"I love being able to make an amazing sound with amazing people, and being part of the finest choir in Australia."



Clyde Saniga
Tenor, Kelly Gang
Specialist lime meringue pie chef
Instruments: clarinet, saxophone

"The feeling that you get from making an incredible sound together is indescribable."

Ryan Tay
Baritone, Kelly Gang
Futsal champion
Instruments: trombone

"Being able to interact with other boys and create some really good music – that's what I like about the Choir."



Stewart Webb
Tenor, TVC
Software developer. ABCI veteran of 15 years.
Instruments: electronic music

"Being part of something bigger than any one person."



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