



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL CHOIRS

St John's Cathedral has a vital and diverse choral programme, allowing a variety of opportunities for committed and able singers to sing in one of the finest buildings in the southern hemisphere. In summary the opportunities are as follows:

Boys (trebles) – Boy trebles are trained along the lines of boys in the finest English and European cathedrals. Boys are accepted for entry into yr 4 and take up a 50% scholarship at Anglican Church Grammar School ("Churchie"). Applications close in May the previous year. To register your interest in auditioning for a scholarship please email gmorton1@optushome.com.au and have your name placed on a register to receive information as it becomes available.

Adults (SATB mid-high school age and above) – Opportunities may be available for you in one of the following ensembles.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Trebles and ATB Lay Clerks – all Lay Clerks (2 per part per side) auditioned and paid (although at the Director's discretion some non-paid positions may be available above and beyond the 12 paid positions).

The Cathedral Choir sings 11 months per year (January off).

Sunday rehearsals commence at 8.00am for the 9.30am service, and the choir also rehearses one Friday evening per month (2 hours), from 5.30-7.30pm. Lay Clerks may need to stay back on occasions after the Eucharist for a maximum of 30 minutes rehearsal (without boys).

Lay Clerks would generally expect a maximum of 60 events per year – Sunday mornings (one off per month), one Friday evening rehearsal per month, and other events such as Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Cathedrals Week concert, recitals, Carol Service, and recording sessions.

A minimum honorarium of \$2000pa is payable to the ATB singers in the cathedral choir.

Singers must arrange a suitable substitute for any services they cannot attend, but Good Friday, Easter and Christmas are obligatory.

Initially these singers are contracted for 2010 only.

CATHEDRA MUSICA

This honorary choir has a similar ethos to the Cathedral Choir, the ATB singers sing with the St John's boy trebles. This choir suits those singers who cannot commit to the standard, work load and/or attendance requirements of the Cathedral Choir. A high musical standard is required of the singers although perhaps less rigorous than the Cathedral Choir.

They will generally sing with the boys but sometimes ATB only. They will sing BOTH the Eucharist and Evensong on one Sunday a month (generally the second Sunday) and other services and events by arrangement. They will rehearse on Friday evening, 5.30-7.00pm, on the Friday that precedes the Sunday in which they sing.

While attendance at all of the required services is anticipated, attendance at 80% of the services is considered minimal.

CATHEDRAL SINGERS

An auditioned honorary mixed voice choir that will sing Evensong on Sunday evenings (one free per month - generally the second Sunday evening).

Rehearsals will be Friday once a month from 5.00-7.30pm, and on Sundays from 4.30-5.45pm, prior to the 6.00pm Evensong.

CATHEDRAL CHAMBER CHOIR

The Brisbane Chamber Choir is a community chamber choir that also serves as the Cathedral Chamber Choir and sings services and special events at the cathedral. Further details are available from www.brisbanechamberchoir.org

People interested in singing in one of these choirs are strongly encouraged to attend a service at the cathedral prior to auditioning, to ensure that the ethos of these choirs is understood. If you are an adult singer (i.e. mid-high school age and above) and wish to be considered for a place in one of these choirs please consult the document "Audition Requirements" and complete the document "Singer Registration" and send it to Lisa Clarke at the cathedral (LClarke@anglicanbrisbane.org.au).

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