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Community Choral Project 2024



BEACON 

Creative & Musical Director: Pia Harris
Creative Team & Music: Breaksea

Registrations Close: Sunday 7 January 2024

For further information call 9400 4912 or visit joondalup.wa.gov.au

About the Community Choral Project

City of Joondalup and Breaksea present the 2024 Community Choral Project, an exciting community activity that brings singers of all ages and abilities together. Established in 2013, the Community Choral Project has seen hundreds of members from all walks of life sing side by side.

Over eight weeks in February and March we come together to rehearse a repertoire of diverse music – some easy, some challenging, but all of them good fun. These rehearsals are led by an experienced and professional Musical Director, culminating in a showstopping performance to the Joondalup community at the award winning Joondalup Festival.

This year's theme is...

BEACON 

This year's theme celebrates the power of connection, inspiring and encouraging us through dark passages of life and into the light. We celebrate the shining lights in our own lives - our mentors and Elders who light the way forward, and our children and young, who continue to carve out the paths.

In the spirit of the Community Choral Project, we celebrate the warm light of our loved ones. Not only from the families that we are born into, but the families that we create as our own – and celebrate the ways we hold each other up.

Why be involved?

The Community Choral Project is one of the most exciting and rewarding community arts projects in Perth. It provides people of all ages the opportunity to:

- Develop new skills
- Boost self-confidence
- Work with a professional Musical Director
- Meet your fellow community
- Work together in a team environment
- Have some fun!

Who can be involved?

Anyone! That includes children (with parent/guardian permission). No experience is necessary and there are no auditions required.

We encourage intergenerational participation - grandparents, parents, children, friends, partners, your great aunty - bring her along too!

So come on you shining star! We need your sparkle to light the *Beacon*.

Hello Music Director: **Pia Harris**



Pia Harris is a Music Director, Conductor and Soprano. She completed her Masters at the Royal College of Music London and training programmes at English National Opera and the National Opera Studio. She has sung extensively as a Principal artist with Opera Holland Park London, New York Lyric Opera and West Australian Opera, most notably as the lead role in West Australian Opera's *Hansel & Gretel* for an audience of 12,000 people.

Pia has performed, programmed, and produced large-scale projects for Breaksea, where she is currently Director of Music and performing in their 2023 production '*The Magical Weedy Seadragon*'.

Pia is a Conducting Scholar on Perth Symphony Orchestra's prestigious *Women on the Podium Conducting Programme*, under the direction of Alice Farnham, Jessica Gethin and Sarah Grace-Williams. She has assisted prominent Conductors with the West Australian Opera on significant productions, including *Tosca*, *Carmen*, and *Otello*.

If you were a member of the Community Choral Project in 2023, you would remember Pia as our wonderful Music Director. Since then, she has become a UWA Choral Society Fellow and continues to work with the local community under a new appointment with Joondalup Symphony Orchestra as their Choral Director.

We are thrilled to announce Pia's return to the Community Choral Project and look forward to her expert guidance.

Hello Creative Team: **Breaksea**



Breaksea is a WA community arts and cultural development company on a quest to spread the joy of creativity with the whole world. They believe everyone should sing, create, and participate. Breaksea specialises in community engagement and performances that celebrate the power of singing and making art together.

Since 2017, Breaksea has delivered multi-arts programs in Perth, Albany, Denmark, Mt Barker, Gnowangerup, Katanning, Cosy Corner, Bunbury, Toodyay, Wellstead, Gardiner, Kojonup, Karratha, and as far north as Kununurra.

Important dates

Registrations Close: **Sunday 7 January 2024**

Rehearsal and performance dates

Participants will need to be available for the following rehearsal and performance schedule.

Date	Time	What	Where
Thurs, 1 Feb	6.45pm – 8.45pm	Rehearsals	TBC
Thurs, 8 Feb	6.45pm – 8.45pm		
Thurs, 15 Feb	6.45pm – 8.45pm		
Thurs, 22 Feb	6.45pm – 8.45pm		
Thurs, 29 Feb	6.45pm – 8.45pm		
Thurs, 7 March	6.45pm – 8.45pm		
Thurs, 14th March	6.45pm – 8.45pm		
Fri 15th March	6.45pm – 8.45pm	Dress Rehearsal	
Sun, 17th March*	Call Time TBC (afternoon/evening)	Performance	Joondalup Festival, Hillarys Boat Harbour

The repertoire

This year's repertoire will include an exciting compilation curated specifically for the feature performance at Joondalup Festival.

Registration fee

The Community Choral Project registration fee is \$50.00, payable upon registration.

This payment goes towards covering the cost of music rights and original music sheets, the printing of your music booklet, and catering (tea, coffee, and snacks) for your eight weeks of rehearsal. As these items are organised in advance, the registration fee is strictly non-refundable.

Learning tracks & backing tracks

Assistive audio tracks will be available after the first rehearsal via an online link to video format, depending on your selected part. This link will be delivered to you via email.

How many rehearsals do you need to attend?

You are encouraged to attend as many rehearsals as possible so you feel adequately prepared for the final performance. If you are feeling unwell however, we ask that you please stay at home.

Accessibility information

For wheelchair users and those with mobility challenges, both the rehearsal and performance venue are accessible to the front and back of the room depending on your preference – the remainder of seats are placed on tiered steps with railings.

If you require supportive care regarding disability, you are permitted and encouraged to bring your carer or support worker with you to rehearsals. This person will not be charged a registration fee.

Large print lyrics will be available on request.

Duty of care

The City of Joondalup will make every effort to ensure the safety of participants in the Community Choral Project. The City of Joondalup has public liability insurance that indemnifies the City against any act or omission of negligence by the City of Joondalup's elected members, employees, or volunteers.

Any person/s under 18 years of age must provide consent from a parent/guardian to participate in the project. There is a parent/guardian contact section in the registration form to complete for this purpose.

COVID-19

At the time of writing, there are no government mandated requirements in relation to the management of COVID-19. Regardless, we will continue with some risk-reduction procedures to take the best care of our community. These might include measures like providing hand sanitiser at rehearsals and encouraging you to stay home if you're feeling unwell.

You won't be required to wear a face mask, or socially distance.

Photography and filming consent

For documentation and promotional purposes, you may be photographed or filmed during your final performance, or during rehearsals. Please advise City staff if you have any objections to this.

Contact information

If you would like more information or have further questions about the Community Choral Project, please contact the City of Joondalup Cultural Services team.

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