

Newsletter February 2024



Welcome back! First rehearsal Monday 12 February

I hope you enjoyed a long and sunny summer break and are ready to get stuck into some singing soon. We start back on Monday, 12 February at Armadale Baptist Church, 7:30-9:30pm

Choir Genius: new admin system

To streamline some of our administrative processes, YVM and Exaudi have just joined up with Choir Genius, a membership management platform designed to be helpful to choirs. You will soon receive an invitation to join the platform. All future newsletters, emails and forms will be sent through Choir Genius, so you must have an account. CG will also be where we store sheet music, recordings and newsletters. It may take a while to get used to, but I hope it will make things more efficient in the long run. See the bottom of the newsletter for some set-up tips.

2024 Exaudi Camp 16th - 18th February

Our annual rehearsal camp will be the weekend 16th - 18th February 2024 at Lyrebird Park in Yellingbo. We make our own way to camp arriving on Friday evening (after dinner), and we finish at lunchtime on Sunday. Camp RSVPs are due through Choir Genius (you'll get an rsvp request, once you've signed up) **by 1 Feb** and payment is due by **9 Feb**. The cost will be \$190, sent to:

Young Voices of Melbourne Inc.

BSB: 013355

Account: 3080 27832

Reference: your name and CAMP

Exaudi Fees 2024

Are \$220 per half year for on time payment, and \$245 if we have to chase you! Fees for Semester One are due by Friday **1 March**. Send to the account above. Reference: your name and EXAUDI

New Zealand Tour 2024

The remaining balance (\$1190) will be due 1 May, 2024.

For this tour, we are asking you to **book your own flights**.

We recommend that you purchase your flights early as prices will rise as the planes get full.

There are three airlines that have flights to Auckland - Qantas, Air New Zealand and Jetstar.

Please arrive in New Zealand **no later than 3.00pm on 6th July**. We will have a late afternoon rehearsal and stay the night at Ramada Suites Victoria Street West.



Calendar

PLEASE NOTE: For Exaudi to be the best choir it can be it is essential to let Juliana know as soon as you read this if you are unable to attend any Exaudi performance. This is essential for our concert planning, as missing persons may necessitate us changing the repertoire for concerts, arranging replacement singers etc. A choir cannot make good music without good communication amongst its members. Text Juliana on 0431 878 743 or email juliana@yvm.au

Monday 12 February: First rehearsal, 7:30-9:30pm, Armadale Baptist Church

Friday 16 - Sunday 18 February: Exaudi Rehearsal Camp, Lyrebird Camp, Yellingbo

Monday 19 February: No rehearsal (Day after camp - have a night off!)

Friday 1 March: Exaudi fees due (\$220 if paid on time)

Monday 11 March: No rehearsal - Labour Day

Monday 25 March: Malcolm Dalglish visit to Exaudi rehearsal - big singalong

Mondays 1 & 8 April: No rehearsals - school holidays

Wednesday 1 May: Tour balance due (\$1190)

Monday 10 June: No rehearsal - King's Birthday

****new** Saturday 1 June:** Exaudi performs *Axion Esti*, by Mikis Theodorakis, at the Melbourne Recital Centre. A Greek festival event. Rehearsal and performance times TBD

Sunday 16 June: Winter Concert. James Tatoulis Auditorium (MLC). Time TBD

Saturday 6 - Sunday 14 July: New Zealand Tour

July 6: Fly into Auckland. Evening rehearsal.

July 6-9: Concerts and sight-seeing in Hamilton, Rotorua and Taupo.

July 10-14: World Choir Games in Auckland. We will be participating in the opening ceremony, two competitive categories and a Friendship Concert.

July 14: Fly home, any time

Saturday 7 September: Exaudi Gathering Voices, evening, 75 Reid St, Fitzroy North

****new** Wednesday 25 September:** Performance at the National Kodaly Conference choral concert. Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School, evening

Sunday 8 December: Christmas Concert, evening. Venue TBD

Exaudi Rehearsal Camp 2024

Dates:

Friday 16th February to Sunday 18th February 2024.

Note: There are no rehearsals on Friday night. This is a social and relaxing time. We start rehearsals at 9.30am on Saturday morning. We finish after lunch on Sunday.

RSVP: by 1 Feb via Choir Genius. Don't make us chase you! All Exaudians are expected to attend camp, as it is an important musical and community event in the choir. If you have an unavoidable conflict though, please let Juliana know.



Location:

Lyrebird Park Camp - 510 Beenak Road (off Smiths Road) Yellingbo

Please arrive any time after 6pm. Dinner will not be provided on Friday night, so please eat before you arrive.

Need a lift? Put a message on the [Exaudi Members Facebook page](#) or ask at rehearsal.

Food:

Catering will be done by the Lyrebird Park Camp staff.

We will use the dietary information from your Choir Genius profile. Please make sure this is complete and up-to-date as we will use it for all Exaudi camps, events and tours.

Cost:

Cost is \$190 for the weekend. Payment is required by the **9th of February**.

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Please bring:

Linen, bedding, pillow, towels and bathers (if you fancy a river swim). Bring your music, pencils, and water bottle. Accommodation is in shared rooms unless you would like to pay extra to have a room by yourself. Please be in touch for details.

Rehearsal Schedule:

We will commence rehearsals at 9.30am Saturday morning and finish after lunch Sunday. There will be time to explore the local area as well as sing.

Please contact Juliana with any queries: juliana@yvm.au / 0431 878 743

Choir Genius Tips

From Emily, our YVM administrator and Choir Genius administrator:

Tips:

Choir Genius web browser.

Our sitename is yvm.choirgenius.com

The invitation email will contain your username and a link to set up your account.

Much of the Choir Genius functionality works better in the web browser. Although the app has benefits too!

Download the Choir Genius app (optional)

You will need to input our site name, which is: yvm.choirgenius.com

The app is a handy way to access the web version of the choir genius site without having to remember your password.

On the app dashboard, press the orange 'go to web' button to be automatically linked to your account.

How to sync your calendar (use your browser, not the app)

Home > My Upcoming Events > See details and manage attendance > subscribe.

Profile Photos

Profile photos are visible to all users in YVM's Choir Genius account, so make sure they are appropriate if you choose to use one.

Unsubscribing

At the bottom of all emails generated through Choir Genius there is an unsubscribe option. We ask that you DO NOT unsubscribe, as you will no longer receive any communications from YVM/Exaudi, including newsletters.

Help!

We understand that learning a new system can be confusing!

Check the online [FAQ help topics HERE](#) for any questions.

If this doesn't answer your query, please contact Emily: admin@yvm.com.au

Please note that the YVM office is open part time. I will respond to your email when I am next in the office. Please also remember that we are all learning a new system, myself included!