

8 January 2017

Dear Singers and Parents,

I hope the New Year has started well for you and that you are enjoying the holidays. This letter gives some important details about our events for 2017.

Hunter Singers and Hunter Trebles rehearsals will commence at Merewether High School on Tuesday 31 January. Hunter Trebles will rehearse with from 5.00-6.30pm in KM1. Singers should arrive at rehearsal each week by 4.20pm and enter through the Pokolbin Street entrance.

Please print the program on page 3 of this document on coloured paper and place it in a prominent position in your home. You should also put the details into any diaries or calendars you keep as a family. There are likely to be some additions and these will be advised as soon as possible. I will also send email updates and reminders if you include your most frequently checked email address in the Medical and Information form.

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT SERIES

We have a 3-concert subscription program this year, with concerts at Adamstown Uniting Church and Newcastle Conservatorium. The dates are 2 April, 25 June and 3 December. You have an opportunity to buy a subscription to all three concerts at reduced cost. Subscriptions are available at www.trybooking.com/OCGF - \$55 adults, \$45 concession, \$25 children. Please promote the concerts to your family and friends. These three concerts are the most important dates on the Hunter Trebles 2017 calendar, so please make sure these dates are free. Those who have purchased subscription tickets will receive the passes prior to the first concert.

UNIFORM

The Hunter Trebles Uniform fee (\$90) includes T-shirts and pants for all performances. Uniform items will be distributed just prior to each event in order to ensure that sizes are correct. As singers outgrow their uniform, they are then swapped for the appropriate size. Trebles will wear a range of shirts, including the new purple Hunter Trebles T-shirt, the Hunter Singers tree shirt, the Opera House T-shirt and the red shirt for Carols. Uniform fittings will take place at 4.30pm in the Learning Centre on the two weeks prior to each concert. In Week 6 of Term 1 a uniform audit will take place, and singers will need to bring in all of their uniform items so that sizes can be checked. There will also be a photo shoot on this occasion.

FEES & PERMISSION SLIPS

Individual accounts will be emailed to you in the next couple of weeks from the Hunter Singers Treasurer, Lynne Kentish. Payment details will be provided on your account. The 2017 fees are \$380 for the first family member and \$360 for additional family members. If any family would like to pay by Term instalments, please email treasurer@huntersingers.com or see Lynne at rehearsal on the first Tuesday back.

You will also be emailed the medical and contact information form containing the current details on file. Can you please confirm this is the correct information and update/add any information that is incorrect/missing. All accounts and forms (permission note, publicity permission form, medical and contact information form) are due by 31 January. The forms can be emailed to treasurer@huntersingers.com or handed in at rehearsal.

Parents are invited to watch the final 15 minutes of each Hunter Trebles rehearsal. We ask however that parents stay outside the music room KM1 until 6.15pm. I am really looking forward to seeing you on 31 January as we prepare for what looks to be another exciting year.

Cheers,

Kim Sutherland OAM
Artistic Director, Hunter Singers

Charissa Ferguson
Music Director, Hunter Trebles

HUNTER TREBLES

TERM 1 2017 PARTICIPATION CONTRACT AND PERMISSION FORM

Singer's name: _____

(Please complete a separate sheet for each member of Hunter Singers in your family.)

I give permission for my child to participate in Term 1 activities as listed on the program. He/she is committed to the following events and has organised extracurricular activities to ensure availability:

Subscription Concert on 2 April at Adamstown Uniting Church

I understand that Hunter Singers operates under the guidelines of the Department of Education and Communities excursions and have discussed the rules and expected standards of behaviour with my son/daughter. I know that the use of alcohol, cigarettes and narcotic drugs is strictly prohibited and that any serious breach of rules will result in parents being contacted and asked to collect their child from the activity.

I give permission for my child to be involved in promotional activities for Hunter Trebles. This may include still and video photography. I approve the later use of any audio or video recordings and still photographs associated with Hunter Singers, for use on the Department of Education & Communities website, promotion of Hunter Singers and/or the Department of Education & Communities.

Signed (Parent/Caregiver)

Signed (Hunter Singers member)

Date

HUNTER TREBLES 2017 PROGRAM

TERM 1	
Tuesday 31 January	Hunter Trebles First weekly rehearsal at Merewether HS, 5-6.30pm
Sunday 2 April	Hunter Singers & Hunter Trebles Subscription Concert 1 Adamstown Uniting Church, Rehearsal 10am-1pm, Concert 2pm Tickets \$25/\$20/\$10
TERM 2	
Tuesday 2 May	Hunter Trebles First weekly rehearsal for Term 2 at Merewether HS, 5-6.30pm
Date TBA	Regional rehearsal for Festival of Choral Music 9am-3pm at Hunter School of Performing Arts
9 June	Star Struck Choir rehearsal – Hunter Trebles and Hunter Singers in Massed Choir
14-17 June	Star Struck week – Hunter Trebles and Hunter Singers in Massed Choir, Hunter Singers item in show
Sunday 25 June	Hunter Singers & Hunter Trebles Subscription Concert 2 Newcastle Conservatorium, Rehearsal 10am-1pm, Concert 2pm Tickets \$30/\$25/\$10
TERM 3	
Tuesday 18 July	Hunter Trebles First weekly rehearsal for Term 3 at Merewether HS, 5-6.30pm
Saturday 5 August	Myuna Bay camp 8.30am – 4pm, 8.30-5pm.
Tuesday 22 August TBC	Hunter Singers Inc AGM, 6.30pm at Merewether HS Learning Centre
Tuesday 12 Sept TBC	Hunter Trebles in Festival of Choral Music.
TERM 4	
Tuesday 10 October	Hunter Trebles First weekly rehearsal for Term 4 at Merewether HS, 5-6.30pm
Sunday 3 December	Hunter Singers & Hunter Trebles Subscription Concert 3 Adamstown Uniting Centre, Rehearsal 10am-1pm, Concert 2pm Tickets \$25/\$20/\$10
Wednesday 6 Dec TBC	Hunter Singers and Hunter Trebles Schools Tour
Tuesday 12 December	Hunter Singers and Hunter Trebles auditions
Friday 15 December	King Edward Park Carols By Candlelight