

27 June 2018

Dear Trebles and Parents,

Congratulations to all members of Hunter Trebles on your terrific performances at the recent Subscription concert. We were really impressed with your focus and beautiful sound at the concert, and also with the way you conducted yourselves during the rehearsal process.

The first rehearsal for Term 3 will be on Tuesday 24 July. This will be a very exciting term as we prepare for Opera Australia's Madame Butterfly at Civic Theatre. It is essential that all members of Hunter Trebles attend every rehearsal and workshop for this outstanding performance opportunity. This term also sees us at the Sydney Opera House for the Festival of Choral Music Concerts.

#### **MYUNA BAY WORKSHOP – 4 August**

Our workshop day for this term is on **Saturday 4 August** at **Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre**. This is a compulsory workshop and it is essential that all Trebles attend, arriving at 8.30am. Lunch, morning tea, and afternoon tea will be provided, and there will be a concert at the end of the day at 4.00pm. The cost for the Myuna Bay workshop is \$60, which includes meals, venue hire and tutor fees. Payment will be due at next week's rehearsal. Directions for Myuna Bay are on the last page of this letter.

#### **MADAME BUTTERFLY – 8, 9 & 14 August**

Hunter Trebles have been invited to provide the Children's Chorus for the Opera Australia production of Madame Butterfly, to be held at Newcastle Civic Theatre on Tuesday 14 August 2018. I am delighted with the progress thus far in learning the works for this performance. It is going to be a wonderful experience! There will be two compulsory workshops with the Children's Chorus Director on 8 & 9 August, 4-7pm at Merewether HS Learning Centre. I have attached some additional information from Opera Australia on page 3.

#### **FESTIVAL OF CHORAL MUSIC – 3 August and 24 September**

Hunter Trebles will be performing in the 700 voice massed choir at the Sydney Opera House on Monday 24 September. The regional cluster rehearsal for this event will be on Friday 3 August at Hunter School of the Performing Arts. We will meet at Merewether HS at 9am to walk to HSPA and finish at Merewether HS at 3pm. Alternatively, parents can drop students directly at HSPA at 9.45 and collect at 1.45pm.

On the day of the concert, 24 September, we will travel by minibus, departing Merewether HS at 9.00am and returning around 11.30pm. The cost of the excursion is \$60, which includes bus fare, participation fee and dinner at City Extra. Please wear your Opera House T shirt and black performance pants with black shoes and black socks. You will receive your Opera House Shirt in the coming weeks. You will need to bring a water bottle, lunch and snacks to eat during the day. The meal selection for City Extra is on the Term 3 permission letter and contract.

Some parents may wish to attend this concert. Tickets are already on sale on 25 July and are available from the Sydney Opera House Box Office. There are four Festival of Choral Music concerts, so it is essential that you get the right one! Our concert is the Endeavour concert on Monday 24 September. Tickets are \$43 adults and \$36 students and other concessions. Ticket prices quoted include GST but do not include booking fees. Please note that concerts in previous years have sold out quickly. Tickets are available only through the Sydney Opera House Box Office. Information regarding ticket sales is on page 5.

**Any parents taking Trebles home with them from Sydney need to meet staff at the minibus, which will be parked on Macquarie Street. Singers MUST have their name marked off before leaving with parents.** The contact phone number for staff is 0407 010 741.

## FEES & PERMISSION SLIPS

Individual Term 3 accounts will be emailed to you in the next couple of weeks. You will also be emailed the medical and contact information form containing the current details on file. Can you please update/add any information that is incorrect/missing. These can be handed to Lynne Kentish at rehearsal on the first Tuesday back or emailed to [treasurer@huntersingers.com](mailto:treasurer@huntersingers.com).

We are looking forward to seeing you on 24 July.

Cheers,

Charissa Ferguson  
Music Director, Hunter Trebles

## HUNTER TREBLES 2018 PROGRAM

TERM 3	
Tuesday 24 July	Hunter Singers First weekly rehearsal for Term 3 at Merewether HS, 4.30-6.00pm
Friday 3 August	Cluster rehearsal for Festival of Choral Music at HSPA. Meet at MHS (Pokolbin St) at 9.00am, pick up MHS at 3.00pm
Saturday 4 August	Myuna Bay Day Camp 8.30am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 8 August	Madame Butterfly workshop at Merewether HS Learning Centre, 4.00-7.00pm
Thursday 9 August	Madame Butterfly workshop at Merewether HS Learning Centre, 4.00-7.00pm
Tuesday 14 August	Hunter Trebles and some Hunter Singers in Madame Butterfly at Newcastle Civic Theatre, 3.30pm -10.15pm
Tues 21 August TBC	Hunter Singers Inc AGM, 6.30pm at Merewether HS Learning Centre
Monday 24 September	Festival of Choral Music at Sydney Opera House. Depart MHS 9.00am, return 11.30pm (time TBC)
TERM 4	
Tuesday 16 October	Hunter Trebles First weekly rehearsal for Term 4 at Merewether HS, 4.30-6.30pm
Sunday 2 December	<b>Hunter Singers &amp; Hunter Trebles Subscription Concert 3</b> Adamstown Uniting Church, Rehearsal 10am-1pm, Concert 2pm Tickets \$27/\$22/\$10
Wednesday 5 Dec TBC	Hunter Singers and Hunter Trebles Schools Tour
Tuesday 11 December	Hunter Singers and Hunter Trebles auditions
Friday 14 Dec TBC	King Edward Park Carols By Candlelight

# Invitation from Opera Australia Children's Chorus and Information

Dear Parent,

Your child has been invited to perform alongside Opera Australia in their presentation of *'Madame Butterfly'* in the children's chorus at Civic Theatre Newcastle on Tuesday 14 August. To date, every child who has participated in one of the Opera Australia performance projects has experienced an unforgettable opportunity and grown in many positive ways both in skills and friendship groups.

Combined rehearsal times: Wednesday 8 & Thursday 9 August, 4-7pm at Merewether HS Learning Centre

Your child's commitment is paramount to the success of this project.

The performance will be on the evening of Tuesday 14 August and further information regarding the running of this performance evening will come closer to the date. Students are required to arrive at 3.30pm on the day of the performance where they run through the parts with the Opera Australia cast before having dinner and performing the Opera that evening.

Dinner is to be brought along with children and of a nature that does not require heating or cooling and contain no nuts. Any children with allergies or medical conditions to note must provide this in writing to the Chorus leader with the return of the permission form.

This is a rare and special opportunity for your child and will cost nothing for them to be involved. If you would like to see the Opera, tickets are on sale from the Civic Theatre.

## Show-Day Schedule

### Tuesday 14 August Schedule

1500	<b>Chorus Leader &amp; Chaperones Arrive</b> Induction, OH&S & Venue Tour
1530 - 1630	<b>Children's Chorus Arrive</b> Welcome & costume fittings - Chaperones to assist
1630 - 1730	<b>Children's Chorus Rehearsal</b> On stage in full costume with Cast & Orchestra
1730 - 1800	<b>Children's Chorus &amp; Sorrow Rehearsal</b> Continues on stage without Cast & Orchestra
1800 - 1900	<b>Children's Chorus Dinner Break</b>
1930 - 2200	<b>Performance Time</b>
2200	Show complete & onstage photo
2215	<b>Children's Chorus Released</b>

**HUNTER TREBLES**  
**TERM 3 2018 PARTICIPATION CONTRACT AND PERMISSION FORM**

Singer's name: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to participate in Term 3 activities as listed on the program. He/she is committed to the following events and has organised extracurricular activities to ensure availability:

- Cluster rehearsal for Festival of Choral Music on Friday 3 August at HSPA
- Myuna Bay day camp on Saturday 4 August at Myuna Bay
- Madame Butterfly workshops on 8, 9 August and performance on 14 August
- Festival of Choral Music 'Endeavour' concert at Sydney Opera House on 24 September

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.

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**COMMITMENT NOTE FROM OPERA AUSTRALIA**

We will commit to attend the combined rehearsals on 8 & 9 August and the performance on 14 August. I understand that should my child not attend rehearsals and no notification is given, or behaves in an unacceptable manner throughout the rehearsal process, they may forfeit their position if the chorus leader deems it necessary.

I take full responsibility for the drop off and pick up of my child to rehearsals and the performance and should my child be dropped off early to rehearsals, I shall organise that they be supervised until an appointed/agreed upon supervisor arrives.

If I cannot do this, I give permission for my child to be supervised by another willing parent/carer until the rehearsal supervisor arrives.

I agree to the above conditions.

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Signed (Parent/Caregiver)

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Signed (Hunter Trebles member)

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Date

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**City Extra Meal Selection for Opera House Excursion 24 September**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- Fish and Chips** – Deep fried fish with lemon. Served with fries and a salad garnish
- Chicken Tenderloins** – Deep fried chicken tenderloins with fries and a salad garnish
- Chicken Tenderloins** - Deep fried chicken tenderloins with mashed potato and a salad garnish
- Kid's Steak** - Tender rump steak with fries and a salad garnish
- Kid's Steak** - Tender rump steak with mashed potato and a salad garnish
- Spaghetti bolognese** – Spaghetti served with traditional Bolognese sauce

**Ice cream and a drink are included.**

## **SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE –BOX OFFICE BOOKING INFORMATION**

**ADULTS \$43, CONCESSION/STUDENTS \$36**

(Booking fees apply)

**Ticket sales for the Festival of Choral Music open on 21 June and are only available for purchase from the Sydney Opera House Box Office. The Arts Unit will not handle any bookings.**

The Sydney Opera House onsite Box Office is open from Monday to Saturday 9am – 8.30pm and Sunday 9.00am to 5.00pm. The Sydney Opera House Call Centre is open Monday to Saturday 9.00am – 8.30pm and Sunday 10.00am – 6.00pm

### ***HOW TO BOOK***

Online bookings are available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week through [www.sydneyoperahouse.com](http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com)

Telephone: (02) 9250 7777

In Person: Main Box Office, Sydney Opera House (opening hours see above)

### ***PAYMENT***

Payment is accepted by cash, cheque (conditions apply), money order. Credit card payment is accepted by Visa, Mastercard, Bankcard, JCB, Diners and American Express. Eftpos is accepted via the Box Office counter. No cash back is available.

### ***TRANSACTION FEE***

A fee of \$8.50 (GST inclusive) per transaction is charged to the customer (irrespective of the number of tickets purchased) for all telephone, mail, fax, email and internet bookings. A \$5.00 fee applies when paying in person at the counter.

### ***EXCHANGE FEE***

Exchanges are subject to availability and attract a fee of \$5.00 (GST inclusive) per ticket. Once an order is complete, there are no refunds or cancellations.

### ***SCHOOLS TO COMPLETE:***

SCHOOL NAME: **Hunter Trebles**

OUR CONCERT IS: **The Endeavour Concert**

CONCERT DATE: **Monday 24 September**

### ***WHEN BOOKING TICKETS PLEASE NOTE:-***

∅ Last year these concerts sold out very quickly.

∅ To avoid disappointment, be prepared to book on the date that bookings open for your concert and be certain of the concert name, date and time.

∅ Please note that if your child is performing on the day, they will either be on stage or backstage during the performance. **THEY WILL NOT REQUIRE A TICKET.**