

Dear Singers and Parents,

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year for Hunter Singers continues with an exciting Term 3 ahead, including the World Premiere of Matthew Hindson's *Electric Rain* in the Sydney Opera House! The first Hunter Singers rehearsal for this term will be on **Tuesday 23 July** at Merewether High School Learning Centre.

Please check the program carefully and put the details into any diaries or calendars you keep as a family. Refer to it when organising work rosters and family outings. It's a big term with some really exciting events!

### HUNTER TREBLES PERFORMANCE AT SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE ON 31 JULY

**Wear:** Black dots T-shirt with black performance pants (not leggings), black shoes and black socks

**Bring:** Warm jacket, lunch and water bottle, Opal card for Ferry

Hunter Trebles and the younger members of Hunter Singers successfully auditioned *She Shall Have Music* for performance in the Sydney Opera House on Wednesday 31 July. We will be hiring a 12-seater minibus, to be driven by Gordon Paterson and Kim Sutherland, and car transport provided by Charissa Ferguson, Veronica Paterson and Katie Cadman. Singers have been allocated as per the following. **If any changes need to be made to this, please contact me as soon as possible.** The cost of this excursion is \$45 to cover transport and dinner.

12-seater minibus	Charissa Ferguson	Veronica Paterson	Katie Cadman
1. Evie Murphy	1. Thomas Gagliano-Buckley	1. Isabelle Paterson	1. Marina Chamberlain
2. Nora Murphy	2. Simon Junker	2. Angela Paterson	2. Lila Barber
3. Tilly Armstrong	3. Esther Junker	3. Jenna Buhlmann	3. Tessa Mackintosh
4. Julia Boyd	4. Hannah McClafferty	4. Elly Gregoratos	4. Ekaterina Martin
5. Stephanie Hanlon		5. Deepanwita Mahata	5. Quinn Davies
6. Chloe Kidd			6. Xavier Shaw
7. Vithaki Mukunthan			
8. Truli Smith			
9. Kiera Washusen			
10. Zara Paterson			

### Schedule 31 July

- 9.00am Meet at Merewether HS and rehearse/workshop until 9.45am
- 9.45am Recess break
- 10.00am Depart from Pokolbin Street entrance
- 12.30pm Arrive Macquarie Street. Cars to park in the Opera House Carpark, Minibus to drop off then park at Darling Harbour. Lunch in Botanical Gardens before sound check rehearsal at 1.55pm.
- 2.30pm Catch ferry to Darling Harbour playground then return by ferry. **Opal cards needed for this.**
- 5.00pm Return to Circular Quay and have dinner at City Extra. (Make meal selection on the Google form.)
- 7.00pm Walk to Opera House and remain backstage until called. Our item is third in the second half.
- 9.00pm Following the performance, walk to Macquarie Street meeting point for transport home (bus or cars)
- 11.00pm Approximate arrival time at Merewether High School Chatham Road entrance at front of school

### CATALINA CAMP ON 3-4 AUGUST

Due to the closure of Myuna Bay, we have had to move our camp to Catalina Conference Centre, 171 Dorrington Road, Rathmines. There is no need to pack linen as sheets, bedding and towels are provided.

Singers are to make their own way to the camp, arriving by 8.30am on Saturday 3 August. There will be a short concert at the conclusion of the camp at 4pm on Sunday 4 August. As always, it is essential that everyone attends the camp for the whole weekend. The cost is \$140, which includes accommodation, food and venue hire.

The group will be supervised by the Hunter Singers committee and camp staff who have been screened in accordance with the Department of Education Working With Children documents. The Emergency Mobile Phone number for camp is 0412 496 138.

As you know, Hunter Singers operates under the guidelines of the Department of Education and we are bound by certain regulations in relation to student behaviour. In particular, the use of alcohol, cigarettes and narcotic drugs is strictly prohibited. We also expect that Singers will co-operate with staff at all times and behave in an appropriate manner. Any serious breach of rules will result in parents being contacted and asked to collect their children from the camp.

Singers will need to bring to the camp:-

- ❑ casual, comfortable clothing including a jacket or jumper, nightwear, toiletries
- ❑ dress-up costume – this camp's theme is: "Colours"

### **PERFORMANCE OF ELECTRIC RAIN IN SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE ON 2 SEPTEMBER**

**Wear:** Black dots T-shirt with black performance pants, black shoes and black socks

**Bring:** Hunter Singers jacket, lunch and water bottle

The World Premiere of Matthew Hindson's *Electric Rain* will be on Monday 2 September in Sydney Opera House. Hunter Trebles will also be performing in this concert as part of the massed choir for the Festival of Choral Music. There are two additional rehearsals for this important performance: on Saturday 10 August, 2-4pm at Merewether HS and Sunday 1 September, 2-4pm at Merewether HS. The cost for the Sydney excursion is \$20 towards the cost of the bus. If any parents would like to attend the concert, tickets go on sale on 29 July and will sell out very quickly. Details on how to purchase tickets can be found on page 3 of this letter. **I would be grateful if you could let me know if any singers are being collected from the Opera House after the performance as this will help with transport for Hunter Trebles on the return trip.**

### **Schedule 2 September**

8.00am Depart Merewether HS Pokolbin Street entrance  
10.30am Rehearsal with HWE and Sydney Singers at The Arts Unit Lewisham  
Time TBA Transfer to Sydney Opera House for sound check  
Time TBA Walk to Circular Quay for dinner at Gateway Food Court or McDonald's (own expense)  
Time TBA Return to Opera House for performance  
9.00pm Approximate departure time for bus to leave Macquarie Street  
11.30pm Approximate arrival time at Merewether High School Chatham Road entrance at front of school

### **PERMISSION FORM & FEES**

Permission for all Term 3 events will be via a Google form: <https://forms.gle/ayniFY8vbUQUYui6A>. Please note that a parent or guardian email must be used in order for this to be valid. Any variations to transport and any other arrangements should be noted on the form. Individual Term 3 accounts will be emailed to you in the next couple of weeks based on your responses to the Google form. 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 emailed to [treasurer@huntersingers.com](mailto:treasurer@huntersingers.com).

I am really looking forward to sharing some great musical experiences with you this term.

Cheers,

Kim Sutherland OAM  
Music Director, Hunter Singers  
29 July 2019

## HUNTER SINGERS 2019 PROGRAM

TERM 3	
Tuesday 23 July	Hunter Singers First weekly rehearsal for Term 3 at Merewether HS, 4.30-6.00pm
Wednesday 31 July	Performance of <i>She Shall Have Music</i> with Hunter Trebles at Sydney Opera House, 9.00am-11.00pm
3-4 August	Hunter Singers camp Saturday 8.30am - Sunday Concert 4pm at Catalina Conference Centre, Rathmines
Saturday 10 August	Additional rehearsal for <i>Electric Rain</i> , 2-4pm at Merewether HS Learning Centre
Tuesday 20 August	Hunter Singers Inc AGM, 6.30pm at Merewether HS Learning Centre
Sunday 1 September	Additional rehearsal for <i>Electric Rain</i> , 2-4pm at Merewether HS Learning Centre
Monday 2 September	Performance with Hunter Wind Ensemble of Matthew Hindson's <i>Electric Rain</i> in Sydney Opera House 8.00am-11.30pm
TERM 4	
Tuesday 15 October	Hunter Singers First weekly rehearsal for Term 4 at Merewether HS, 4.30-6.30pm
Saturday 16 November	Rehearsal for 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert, 10am-4pm, Merewether HS Learning Centre
Sunday 17 November	<b>Hunter Singers &amp; Hunter Trebles Subscription Concert 3 - 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert</b> Newcastle Conservatorium, Rehearsal 9.30am-1pm, Concert 2pm Tickets \$32/\$27/\$10



### SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE – BOX OFFICE BOOKING INFORMATION

**ADULTS \$44, CONCESSION/STUDENTS \$37** (Booking fees apply)

**Ticket sales for the Festival of Choral Music open over 4 days, from Monday 29 July to Thursday 1 August 2019, and are only available for purchase from the Sydney Opera House Box Office.**

The Sydney Opera House onsite Box Office counter is open from Monday to Saturday 8.30am-8.30pm and Sunday 9.00am to 5.00pm. The Sydney Opera House Contact 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

NRS: [www.relayservice.com.au](http://www.relayservice.com.au) – ask for 02 9250 7752

In Person: Main Box Office counter, 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

Charged per transaction, irrespective of the number of tickets purchased, at various rates as detailed below:

\$8.50 (GST inclusive) – Call Centre, Internet, Mail, Fax and Email bookings

\$5.00 (GST inclusive) – Box Office counter bookings

#### EXCHANGE FEE

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

SCHOOL NAME: **Merewether High School**

CONCERT: **Argyle Concert**

CONCERT DATE: **Monday 2 September 2019**

BOOKINGS OPEN AT 9:00am on: **Monday 29 July**

#### WHEN BOOKING TICKETS PLEASE NOTE:-

- Last year these concerts sold out very quickly.
- There is a limit of FOUR tickets per transaction.
- To avoid disappointment, be prepared to book at 9am on the date that bookings open for your concert and be certain of the concert name, date and time.