

Secret Chorus Business

1st November 2023

This week's rehearsal will be in the Pacifica Room

- ❖ Optional Halloween dress up night
- ❖ Halloween supper
- ❖ Rehearsal focus will be on show preparation
- ❖ IBOD Vote will happen – please complete your ballot paper
- ❖ 6.30pm – 7:15pm Front row choreography rehearsal for “Almost like being in love” (Set 1)
- ❖ There is no Lead sectional this week



Friendly reminders about attending rehearsals:

1. *When you arrive, make sure you sign at reception.*
2. *Be ready on the risers at 7.30pm sharp.*
3. *We need to have vacated St Josephs by 11pm. Please leave quietly so that other guests are not disturbed.*
4. *Please think of your chorus sisters and keeping them safe from any illness. Please consider wearing a mask and/or sitting off the risers.*

Raffle donations

Donations of quality goods are required for the upcoming raffles. We ask for items that will entice lots of people to buy tickets – think good wine, chocolate, self pamper items (no candles). Make sure you check the use by dates:

- ❖ Hornsby Show
- ❖ CKC Christmas Party

Sue Gray is still seeking volunteers to sell raffle tickets at the Hornsby Show. Please let her know asap.

Last week's Star

Congratulations Inese – for taking on the challenge of Pitch blowing during coaching.



Member Birthdays



❖ Alison Anderson	November 05
❖ Emma Edwards	November 21
❖ Anne Thompson	November 23
❖ Cathy Horner	November 24
❖ Candace Deller	December 08

Combined Show – Hornsby RSL – Saturday 18th Nov

Song List:

SET 1

1. I Will Survive
2. Wish You Love
3. Almost Like Being In Love
4. Something's Coming

SET 2

1. Titanium
2. Don't Rain On My Parade
3. All The Things You Are
4. And All That Jazz

Backup song: Rolling in the Deep

Combined song: Sing

Costume Information

SET 1

- ❖ Teal sequin chorus top
- ❖ Black velvet chorus pants
- ❖ Chorus shoes (unless exempt)
- ❖ Black stockings or knee highs
- ❖ Sequin chorus earrings
- ❖ Full stage makeup - false eyelashes optional
- ❖ No watches, bangles or necklaces

SET 2

- ❖ Black dressy top
(no linen or cotton blouses, no t-shirts)
- ❖ Black velvet chorus pants
- ❖ Chorus shoes or black dress shoes of your choice
- ❖ Black stockings or knee highs
- ❖ Makeup as for set 1
- ❖ Silver bling earrings of your choice
- ❖ Silver necklace optional (nothing too big or chunky)

Could the front row for Set 2 please bring your black top to rehearsal this week to have it checked. Others - if you are unsure if your black top is suitable, please bring it in to get it checked.

On Show Day, it's best to bring your costumes to the venue in a suit bag on coat hangers. All other items to be in a small, carry on size bag. Please arrive with hair and makeup done.

If you have any questions regarding costumes, please don't hesitate to ask Kath Ware and she'll be only too happy to assist you.

Song Assessment for the Show

As always, members need to be **Approved** on all songs prior to performing them.

- ❖ If you have passed songs in 2021-3, you don't need to be re-assessed, but you do need to attend a section rehearsal where these songs are covered.
- ❖ If you passed before 2021, or have never passed them, you need to submit a recording to your section leader/assessor.

There will also be opportunities for live riser assessments for members who have passed songs before (but not for those who have never passed); if there are errors, you will need to correct these with a subsequent live riser or submit a recording.

Talk to your section leaders if you need any assistance with this process.

Christmas Singouts

This year Vicki has stated that our music can be held – please put it in a black folder (one of those cheap slip in ones) so that it looks neat and tidy and there is a uniform look across the chorus.

Song List:

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| 1. All I Want For Christmas Is You | 9. Jingle Bells |
| 2. Christmas Chopstix | 10. Santa Baby |
| 3. Do You Hear What I Hear | 11. Santa Claus Is Coming To Town |
| 4. Do You Want To Build A Snowman - medley | 12. Text Me Merry Christmas |
| 5. Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas | 13. The Little Drummer Boy |
| 6. Holly Jolly Christmas | 14. Up On The Housetop |
| 7. It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas | 15. Various Themes Of "Fa-La-La" |
| 8. Jingle Bell Rock | 16. We Need A Little Christmas |

Note: There is a songbook of these in the documents on the website that you can printout if you don't want to download all the individual sheet music, though it does also include Here Comes Santa Claus.

You can find it in the Documents > Chorus Documentation > Other Resources section.

<https://circularkeys.org/node/7705>

Singout Celebration

After the first sing out at Martin Place on 26th November 2023, you are invited to celebrate with your fellow carollers for an afternoon coffee or drink prior to going home. Please let Sue Gray know if you are interested. Note this will not be a chorus funded event, just an opportunity to celebrate the festive season.

Member Leave

Are you planning on taking holidays or unable to attend rehearsal? If so please email absence@circularkeys.org

Using this email address ensures the Musical Director, Team Coordinator, Membership and the Music Team are all notified at the same time.

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| ❖ Rachael Moessis | 13 th – 25 th Nov 2023 |
| ❖ Pippa Anderson | 22 nd Sep – 17 th Nov 2023 |
| ❖ Heather Baeza | returning 8 th Nov 2023 |
| ❖ Steph Wallbank | 22 nd Nov – 6 th Dec 2023 |
| ❖ Kaye Kendall | 29 th Nov – 13 th Dec 2023 |
| ❖ Susan Kelly | 17 th Nov – 28 th Dec 2023 |
| ❖ Cheryl Wolfenden | 24 th Nov – 5 th Dec 2023 |
| ❖ Dani Groeschel | 22 nd Nov – 2 nd Feb 2024 |
| ❖ Jane Masters | returning 15 th Nov 2024 |
| ❖ Betty Fuller | return depends on health |
| ❖ Liz Perry | return depends on health |



Supper Roster

DATE	SUPPER	HOSP TEAM
Wed 1 st Nov	Halloween Dress Up Fun	Kaye and Inese
Wed 8 th Nov	Minor Supper	Steph and Verne
Wed 15 th Nov	Minor Supper	Jenny and Kaye
Wed 22 nd Nov	Minor Supper	Alison and Inese
Wed 29 th Nov	November Birthday Supper Wear your fancy pants night	Anne H and Verne (cake)
Wed 6 th Dec	Minor Supper	Jenny and Kaye

Diary Dates

2023	
Wed 8 th November	Bunch Rehearsal
Fri 10 th November	Management team Meeting – venue Sue's House
Fri 10 th November	Bunch Performance – Alan Walker Retirement Village
Sun 12 th November	Bunning BBQ – Castle Hill Bunnings Cake Sale – Castle Hill Bunnings
Sat 18 th November	Show with Sydney Harmony at Hornsby RSL
Sun 26 th November	1.15pm City of Sydney Christmas Performance – Martin Place Tree
Sat 2 nd December	6pm City of Sydney Christmas Performance – Martin Place Christmas Tree
Wed 13 th December	CKC Christmas Party – St Josephs
Fri 15 th December	Bunch Performance – Rowland Village Christmas Party
Sun 17 th December	6pm City of Sydney Christmas Performance – Martin Place Christmas Tree
2024	
Saturday 24 th Feb	REF visit with Lea Baker
Wed 10 th - Sun 14 th April	Coaching with Bec Hewitt Thursday & Friday – Quartets, Wednesday night, Sat/Sun - CKC
Wed 17 th April	CKC AGM
Sat 4 th – Sun 5 th May	Coaching weekend 1 with Di Huber
Fri 10 th – Sat 11 th May	Coaching weekend 2 with Di Huber
Thu, 16 May 2024 to Mon, 20 May 2024	Sweet Adelines Australia Regional Convention – Freemantle WA

SUGGESTION BOX

Have a suggestion you want to raise? Send it to suggestionbox@circularkeys.org

This email has been set up so that it is sent to the Team Coordinator. All suggestions will be discussed by the management team.

Please remember to be nice when you are wording your suggestions – no need to cause undue stress and anxiety with rudeness.

CHORUS PAYMENTS

Please be advised that EFT should be used for your payments to chorus. Please contact our Finance Manager if you need further details, or if you have an issue that prevents you from paying using EFT.

Make sure you include your relevant information in the reference field so the finance team knows who the payment is from and what it is for.

CKC Bank Account Details for online payments:

Westpac Bank: BSB: 032170

Account Number: 273702

Account Name: Circular Keys Chorus Incorporated

ABOUT THE STAR OF THE WEEK

Any member of the chorus can nominate someone who has gone above and beyond, who has personally helped you, who has made a special difference or contribution to the Chorus or who has tried extra hard.

There are many other positive attributes that can be recognized with this award. To nominate a member, simply email Frances Gurto (fgurto@gmail.com) with the member's name and short description as to why you would like to nominate them. If no nominations are received, the star will not be awarded.

YOUR MANAGEMENT TEAM

❖ Musical Director	Vicki Dwyer	❖ Performance Co-Ordinator	Jane Masters
❖ Team Co-Ordinator	Carol Lutz	❖ Membership Chair	Frances Gurto
❖ Finance Manager	Sue Gray	❖ Appointed members:	
❖ Secretary	Anne Harris		Diane Jenkins, Susan Kelly, Pippa Anderson
❖ Public Relations Co-Ordinator	Candace Deller		

COMMITTEES

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

- ❖ Inese Kamenyitzky – Chair
- ❖ Anne Harris
- ❖ Kaye Kendall
- ❖ Jenny DoRozario
- ❖ Kate Wong
- ❖ Alison Anderson
- ❖ Stephanie Wallbank
- ❖ Verne Mantova

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- ❖ Anne Thompson
- ❖ Jen Kumar

COACH COORDINATION COMMITTEE

- ❖ Alison Anderson
- ❖ Kath Ware

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

- ❖ Sue Gray – Chair
- ❖ Courtney Churchward – Assistant Chair
- ❖ Jen Senior
- ❖ Kaity Dwyer
- ❖ Alison Anderson
- ❖ Linda Vitali
- ❖ Ann Keating

REHEARSAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

- ❖ Kaye Kendall – Chair
- ❖ Emma Edwards
- ❖ Heather Baeza
- ❖ Steph Wallbank
- ❖ Cheryl Wolfenden

2023 SHOW COMMITTEE

- ❖ Diane Jenkins
- ❖ Vicki Dwyer
- ❖ Alison Anderson
- ❖ Kaity Dwyer
- ❖ Kath Ware
- ❖ Jane Masters