



INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

February 2019

For more information about Circular Keys Chorus please visit our website at www.circularkeys.org

The Chorus:

- 2019 Harmony Classic division A third place winners, St Louis, USA
- 2017 Regional winners 'Small Chorus'
- Previous Regional Champion Chorus (2011)
- 51 members
- An incorporated organisation governed by Standing Rules and By-Laws, under the leadership of the Chorus Director, the Music Staff and an elected Management Team
- Part of an international organisation - Sweet Adelines International – which has members over 5 continents and has over 500 choruses and 1,200 quartets
- Directed by Vicki Dwyer (Master Director)

Rehearsal, Performances and Other Commitments

- Rehearsals every Wednesday night 7.30-10:00 pm (with several weeks' break over Christmas and New Year); additional rehearsals are required before conventions and major shows
- At least one annual residential weekend retreat with an international coach
- Attendance at Regional Convention in an Australian capital city for one weekend in May, two years out of three
- Participation in an (usually) annual Show usually around October/November
- Participation in paid and unpaid performances throughout the year, with the biggest commitment during the Christmas period
- Additional meetings and responsibilities if you choose to become involved in Chorus Administration or Musical Leadership through involvement in the Music Team, Management Team or sub-committees. Circular Keys Chorus encourages all its members to become involved in some way.

Audition Process

- In order to become a full chorus member you will need to pass an audition and meet chorus requirements – see below
- The audition process involves two stages:
 - First, towards the end of our course, please advise either Doris or Stephanie of your desire to audition for membership. They will arrange a time, either before or after rehearsal, for you to sing your part against the 4 part learning track for 'Almost Like Being in Love' and 'I Wish You Love'. (the audition songs). A member of the music team will listen and note any errors then discuss your potential for advancement.
 - Secondly, if you are ready to proceed, you will then be able to sing your part on the two audition songs for the music director and a member of the music team. The director will determine your suitability for becoming a member of Circular Keys Chorus.

Costs

- All members (prospective, probationary or full members) pay \$50 per month (\$25 per month for youth members) which is due on the first Wednesday of each month. There is no cost for your first visit.
- Membership of Sweet Adelines International is \$100 (USD) per annum and membership of the Southern Cross Region (Region 34) is \$67 per annum. The first year's International and Regional membership dues are payable at the time a new member joins (approximately \$200 AUD); for subsequent years the International and Regional dues are paid from each member's escrow account which accrues from the monthly chorus fees.

Responsibilities

- Perform in competitions, performances and shows in which the Chorus participates
- Regular and prompt attendance at rehearsals
- Adherence to riser protocol
- Learn words, music and choreography to all songs promptly and accurately
- Give attention to the Director at rehearsals and performances
- Participate in fund-raising activities wherever possible
- Arrive at performances well-rehearsed and in correct costume and appropriate make-up.

A large, stylized cursive word "Sing" written in a vibrant blue ink. The lettering is fluid and expressive, with a long, sweeping tail on the 'g' that loops back under the word. The 'S' is large and open, and the 'i' has a small dot. The overall style is artistic and hand-drawn.