



Melbourne Bach Chamber Choir, Rachmaninov's *All Night Vigil*, St Paul's Cathedral, 24 June 2017



Choral Scholarships 2023



About the Melbourne Bach Choir

The Melbourne Bach Choir (MBC) was formed in 2005 to give an Easter performance of Bach's *St Matthew Passion* the following year. Bach's music has remained at the core of the choir's repertoire along with significant choral works composed since Bach's time.

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or on at www.facebook.com/melbournebachchoir/



Rick Prakhoff, Music Director since the choir's inception, is one of Australia's most experienced conductors, specialising in vocal music from choral to operatic.

MBC's aim at all times is to present enjoyable performances of the highest possible standard.



Photo Call, Melbourne Recital Centre

Melbourne Bach Choir

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Melbourne Bach Choir, J.S. Bach's *St Matthew Passion*, Melbourne Recital Centre, 25 March 2016

Up to 8 Choral Scholarships of \$1500 each

Continuing on from our scholarship programmes over the last four years, the Melbourne Bach Choir is able to offer up to eight scholarships for young singers who wish to join the choir in 2023.

The Scholarships

Each scholarship is worth \$1500, to be paid in four instalments of \$375 after each major concert of the year (generally March/April, June/July, September and November/December). Choir membership fees and concert performance fees will be waived.

Our 2020/21 Scholars



What are MBC Scholars' commitments?

Scholars are expected to sing in the 2023 programme with both the MBC and MBC Chamber Choir—details and dates available at the time of audition. This will normally consist of 2 major performances with each choir. In 2023 the first concert will be Bach's St John Passion on April 7th (Good Friday) followed by Handel's Messiah on Easter Sunday, with other concerts in July, (Chamber Choir), September (main) and November (Chamber Choir).

Rehearsals are generally on Thursday evenings and sometimes Sunday afternoons.

Who is eligible?

Singers aged at least 17 and no more than 30 on 31st December 2022 are eligible to apply. You must be an Australian citizen or have a visa entitling you to residence for the entire period of the scholarship.

How are Scholars selected?

All applicants will be invited to a half-day workshop/audition to be conducted by the MBC Music Director, Rick Prakhoff, in Melbourne on (TBC). Selection of Scholars will be made on the basis of merit by a panel consisting of the Music Director and two experienced choral or vocal professionals. Unfortunately it may not be possible to consider applicants who are unable to attend the Workshop.

What happens after the workshop?

Applicants will be contacted the following week with the result. Successful Scholars will be expected to begin rehearsing on (TBC). Those who are not offered a scholarship may be invited to join the main choir and/or the chamber choir. Membership fees will be waived for all scholarship applicants.

* Scholars who leave or do not comply with attendance rules may be replaced at the MD's discretion

MBC Choral Scholarships Application Form

Full Name.....
Address.....

Email.....
Phone(s).....
Date of Birth.....

Are you an Australian citizen? Y/N.....
If not, are you entitled to reside in Australia for all of 2023? Y/N.....
Give details.....

Voice type (SATB etc).....

Singing and other musical experience.....

Signature of applicant.....
Date.....

(Candidates under 18, add consent of parent or guardian below)

Name.....
Signature of parent or guardian.....
Date.....

Mail completed form to Melbourne Bach Choir Scholarships,
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or scan and email to scholarships@mbc.asn.au (preferred)