

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.

Choral Scholarships 2025

Come and sing with the Melbourne Bach Choir.

Up to 8 Choral Scholarships of \$2,000 each.

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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.



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Continuing on from our scholarship programs over the last eight years, the Melbourne Bach Choir is able to offer up to eight scholarships for young singers who wish to join the choir in 2025.

Each scholarship is worth \$2000, to be paid in four instalments of \$500 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.

What's the commitment?

Scholars are expected to sing in the 2025 program 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. Performances are usually in April, June, September and November. 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 2024 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 in early February. Selection of Scholars will be made on the basis of merit by a panel consisting of the Music Director and one or two experienced choral or vocal professionals. The 2025 Scholars' Workshop will be held on Saturday 15 February. 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 in February. 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.

Contact us

Please get in touch if you have any questions or would like to apply.

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Choral Scholarships 2025 Next Steps

- Complete an application form
- Email it to: scholarships@mbc.asn.au
- Attend workshop on Saturday 15
 February