



# The Singing Snippets

...when we're singing and where we've sung  
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♪ *A Showcase of Choirs: A concert where the whole is far greater than the sum of its parts.*

The Australian National Choral Association's 2017 Tasmanian Choral Festival brings you a choral suite of voice and choice.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHORAL ASSOCIATION  
Vic/Tas Chapter presents:

**HOBART CHORAL FESTIVAL 2017**

Showcasing school and community choirs from Hobart and surrounds  
with guest conductor Marianne Rigby-Black

Featuring six of Hobart's finest choirs, they will perform their own favourite pieces as well as joining together to raise the roof of the Linmor Hall at St Michael's Collegiate on Sunday 24 September, 3pm. The afternoon also includes the visiting choir **Birralee Singers** from Brisbane, who join the local choirs in a massed choir finale.

We are looking forward to **Nick Bostock** accompanying us, while regular accompanist, **Tom Misson**, travels overseas, and of course, **Matthew Ives** at the helm.

Entry is free for children under 12 years of age accompanied by an adult, and just \$10 for adults. Book at [www.trybooking.com/277655](http://www.trybooking.com/277655) and nominate **Tasmanian Song Company** as 'your' choir!

♪ *November - advance notice!*

We love getting you ready for Christmas, so we are planning a concert for November that will feature brand new songs, some old favourites and a sprinkling of Christmas carols. Details, date and venue still being decided... but all will be revealed with publicity in early November. See you there, with **Matthew** waving his hands up front and **Tom** accompanying us.



♪ *Voices across the Tasman*

From either side of the Tasman comes a concert of two choirs that is sure to deliver, just like any match up of teams from across the ditch!

The touring **Wanganui Male Choir**, joins us at the Moonah Arts Centre on Thursday 5 October (8pm), to present a friendly contest. The choir from New Zealand, is the second oldest performing choir in New Zealand and brings 119 years of performing in more than 265 concerts to share with a Tassie audience.



We are excited by the variety of songs in the program and we are especially thrilled to unite with a male choir! Each choir is singing their own songs, as well as combining for some joint numbers. We are sure that you will enjoy the contrasting styles and repertoires, with Wanganui leaning towards light classics and Tasmanian Song Company singing more contemporary, popular music.

The concert is at 8pm at Moonah Arts Centre, 23-27 Albert Road, Moonah. Ticket price includes light refreshments at interval, with wine available for purchase.

Tickets available online: \$25 (concession \$22)  
[www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=305081](http://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=305081)

If you don't have online access, please call Choir President, Maree Richards on 0417 347 044 to purchase tickets by special arrangement.

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## ♪ 'The Events' gone by!

In July, the choir performed on a different stage when it joined the **Blue Cow Theatre** company for their presentation of 'The Events': a confronting play with murder and mayhem, with a choir bravely singing through the drama.

The play was a new challenge for us, with our onstage role in the 'Festival of Voices' event, when in the midst of normality, all hell broke loose.

It was an absolute privilege to be invited to share the stage with talented professional actors, **Jane Longhurst** and **Rob Mallet**. We loved the dramatic play and relished opportunity to do something totally different.

Many thanks to Blue Cow Theatre for choosing us, as one of the three 'best loved community choirs' to join them on stage.

## ♪ Monday Night Madness

We are celebrating one year with **Matthew Ives**, after he stepped in when **Andrea Scott** finished in September last year. With just the right sized feet and hands— and a drum kit—Matthew has made an impact.



Monday nights have morphed into fun-filled frivolity with very serious singing directives from Matthew - 'sing with your eyebrows', 'smell the rose and bite the apple' and homework! Waving his hands around in his unique style of shooting, poking and pizzazz, Matthew sings for us! He creates practice CDs to help

us listen and learn at home. When we come together on Monday nights, it's full steam ahead with run throughs and polish, with the odd Dad joke.

We have been challenged by Matthew (just for fun) to name the top three jazz tunes arranged by **Neal Hefti**. Can you? Over to you Mister Google!

## ♪ Contemplating a Concert with Cupcakes

We loved being back at the Rosny Barn and hope you did too! The performance was bolstered by **Matthew Ives** banging on his drums, **Tom Misson** on keys and **Hamish Houston** on bass.

Former choir musicians, **Rachel Taylor** and **Iestyn Parry** stepped up on stage as guest performers, and Matthew treated us to a song too!

Did you even try to resist the afternoon tea, lovingly cooked by our choir members? We sang to a full house, and a full table of sweets and treats were enjoyed by all. While the Rosny Barn is cosy, with limited seating, it is a lovely intimate space to share our singing with you. We hope you love it as much as us.



## ♪ A not so Silent Night



This year, the **Glenorchy Carols by Candlelight** is on Saturday 9 December. It wouldn't feel like Christmas if we weren't singing at the Glenorchy Carols, as we've been performing there since 1997! Join us for a good old fashioned **Carols by Candlelight** at Tolosa St Park, 9 December 2017.

## ♪ The Calendar till Christmas

24 Sept	Hobart Choral Festival 2017
05 Oct	Voices Across the Tasman
tba Nov	'A Hint of Christmas' concert
09 Dec	Glenorchy Carols by Candlelight
11 Dec	Last rehearsal and break up party

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