

MEDIA RELEASE

MACQUARIE SINGERS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Now entering its 53rd year, Macquarie Singers, also known just as 'MUS', is once again opening its doors to new members.

Formerly Macquarie University Singers, MUS has provided the soundtrack to many university events and over its 50 year history has given the university and wider general community the chance to sing a range of choral music spanning many centuries and musical styles. Members have experienced performing from the glamour of the Sydney Opera House's Concert Hall to friendly carolling with the residents at Macquarie Hospital.

Once again **Macquarie Singers** invites all singers over 18, whether from a musical or non-musical background, to participate in one of the region's largest community ensembles. 'There is no upper age limit and no audition,' says Principal Conductor Dr Sarah Penicka-Smith. 'Singing is a proven way to lift your spirits and provide a break from your everyday activities, which many of us need at the moment. In 2020, Macquarie Singers is aiming to provide musical programs full of heart, happiness, and fun, as well as plans to continue our commitment to regional Australia with a little tour'.

All voice types are welcome, both experienced singers and those who have never sung in a choir before.

Macquarie Singers specialises in traditional choral repertoire. The first concert on 13 June* celebrates Beethoven's 250th birthday with a selection of his cheeky folk-song settings. These rarely-heard works show the composer's lighter side, and will be paired with Norwegian-American composer Ola Gjeilo's inspirational 'Sunrise Mass', accompanied by Macquarie Chamber Orchestra.

If you cannot commit to weekly rehearsals, join them for their first singing workshop of the year** on 7 March where Dr Sarah Penicka-Smith will explore techniques to develop beautiful sound and blend in a group. All are welcome and no experience is required!

Rehearsals: Monday nights, 7.00pm-9.30pm, starting February 24

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* Saturday 13 June, 3.00pm, Turramurra Uniting Church

** Saturday 7 March, 3-5pm, West Ryde Community Centre