



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



# Choral Scholarships 2018



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

## 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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**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 is to present performances of the highest possible standard while also raising money for charity through its performances.



Photo Call, Melbourne Recital Centre

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# 8 Choral Scholarships of \$1500 each

Continuing on from our scholarship programmes in 2016 and 2017, the Melbourne Bach Choir is able to offer up to eight scholarships for young singers who wish to join the choir in 2018.

## 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, September and November/December). Choir membership fees and concert performance fees will be waived.

## Our 2017 Scholars



Back: Cassandra Ford, Andre Sasalu, Jessica Wynne, Christelise de Graaf, Jordan Janssen, Brede Davis,  
Front: Caitlyn Bosch, April Foster

### What are MBC Scholars' commitments?

Scholars are expected to sing in the 2018 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 2018 the first concert will be Szymanowski's *Stabat Mater* and the Brahms *German Requiem* on 30 March (Good Friday) with the other concerts in June (Chamber Choir), September and November (Chamber Choir).

Rehearsals are generally on Thursday evenings and sometimes Sunday afternoons, usually in Fitzroy.\*

### Who is eligible?

Singers aged at least 17 and no more than 30 on 31 December 2017 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 **Saturday 3 February 2018**. 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.

Closing date for applications is 26/01/2018.

### What happens after the workshop?

Applicants will be contacted the following week with the result. Successful Scholars will be expected to begin rehearsing the same week. 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.....  
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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 2018? Y/N.....  
Give details.....  
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Voice type (SATB etc).....  
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Singing and other musical experience.....  
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Signature of applicant  
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Date.....

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

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

Mail completed form to  
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