

Manawatu Voices Choir 2018



Dear young musician (please show this invitation to your parents/caregivers)

You are invited to join the 2018 Manawatu Voices Choir. The Manawatu Voices Choir meets on Saturday afternoons during school term time in the PNINS Staffroom. Please arrive at 2.25 pm for a 4.00 pm start (go up to the first floor and follow the corridor through to the back of the building). Choir rehearsals finish at 4.00 pm.

The Choir aims to cater for young musicians who are committed to extended vocal training and concentrates on developing the skills of group singing. Singers are expected to commit themselves to the Choir for the year and to attend all rehearsals and concerts. All music is provided (but must be returned after the final concert). If you are applying to join the Choir for the first time, and are unsure of the performance requirements, please email Conductor Nigel Tongs, at saturdaymusic1@gmail.com. The performance requirements are also listed on the reverse.

The rehearsal dates for 2018 are:

Term 1	March	3, 10, 17, 24
	April	7
Term 2	May	5, 12, 19, 26
	June	9, 16, 23, 30
	July	1
Term 3	July	28
	August	4, 11, 18, 25
	September	1 (open day), 8, 15, 22
Term 4	October	27
	November	3, 10, 17 (end-of-year concert)

There is an evening concert on Saturday 17 November, in collaboration with the Manawatu Training Orchestra.

ENROLMENT AND SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENT

The Manawatu Voices Choir is an ensemble within the Saturday Music Scheme, which is administered by the Saturday Music Supervisory Committee and supported by the Ministry of Education. The class subscription is \$75.00 per annum. Term 1 subscription payment should be made at the time of submitting this enrolment. Please note that the enrolment cannot be processed until payment is received.

The following options are available:

- Present the completed form online or on this form below, and subscription (cash or cheque*) to the Director or Assistant Director in the foyer of Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School during Saturday Music lesson times; or
- Post the completed form and subscription cheque* (please do not send cash by post) to:
The Treasurer Saturday Music, 20 Shamrock Street, Palmerston North 4412; or
- Post the completed form to The Treasurer (see address above) and pay the subscription by internet as follows:
The Saturday Music account number for internet payments is 03 1522 0032434 01. **Particulars = telephone number; Code = MVChoir; Reference = child's name.** Please indicate on the enrolment form that you are paying by internet banking.

* Cheques should be made out to Saturday Music and crossed 'not negotiable'.

Please submit your completed enrolment form and subscription on or before Saturday 17 March 2018. A discount of \$50.00 applies to the term 4 subscription as a result of regular attendance throughout the year. A student withdrawing from a class on or before 6 April 2017 is entitled to receive a refund of the subscription fee less an administration charge of \$20.00. After this date, no refunds will be made. We look forward to seeing you at the Manawatu Voices Choir this year.

Kind regards
Nigel Tongs,
Saturday Music Director

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Please print: First name: Family name:

Postal address:

E-mail address: [please print carefully] Birthday:

Parent's / caregiver's name: Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss

Phone number Instrument:

Please list any health issues we need to know about:

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SELECTION REQUIREMENTS**

In the first instance, students must meet the age requirements for the choir, being:

1. Having his or her eighth birthday on or before 31 December in the calendar year of his or her application, and
2. Being no older than 14 years on 1 January in the calendar year of his or her application.

Secondly, students must agree with and abide by the Manawatu Voices Choir Code of conduct. This includes the following requirements:

ATTENDANCE

- Each member is expected to attend all rehearsals
- Parents must inform the choir Administrator via phone or e-mail before being absent from rehearsal, concerts, and all other MVC events.
- Participation in ALL events is expected unless prior notice has been given to the Administrator (please give as much prior notice as possible).
- No more than three rehearsal absences of any type, excused or unexcused, are permitted in a given term. Three or more rehearsal absences may result in the member forfeiting his/her place in the next performance.
- All members must sign in with the Administrator at rehearsals and wear his/her name badge for easy identification.

TIMELINESS

- Each member is expected to be on time to ALL rehearsals, concerts and MVC events.
- On Time = Early and sitting in your seat ready to sing.
- If you are late, be aware that your arrival will be distracting. Enter the room quietly and wait for the most appropriate time to take your seat.
- Singers must be picked up promptly at the end of rehearsal. There is no provision for supervision once rehearsal has ended. Please make sure our staff/volunteers are able to leave the rehearsal at the hour to which they have been contracted.

PREPAREDNESS

- Each member is to bring his/ her music and a pencil to every rehearsal.
- Parents will be invoiced for the cost of any published music that is lost.
- If you miss a rehearsal, please put in extra time at home to catch up on words/music where necessary.

APPEARANCE

- Singers are expected to be neatly groomed and to wear the following attire for public performances:
 - MVC polo shirt (or other shirt, if advised)
 - Black skirt or trousers (no short shorts or skirts with high splits)
 - Clean, black shoes (and if socks are worn, these must also be black)

BEHAVIOUR

- All singers are to pay close attention to instruction during rehearsal and NOT interrupt the Director.
- Singers need to raise their hand to ask a question.
- Do NOT talk amongst yourselves during rehearsals.
- All members are expected to treat the artistic staff, fellow choir members and the extended choir community with dignity and respect.
No bullying or harassment will be tolerated, whether physical, verbal, emotional or sexual.

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MANAWATU VOICES CHOIR 2018

Has your child been a member of the Manawatu Voices Choir before?Yes / No If yes, which year(s)?

Previous musical experience (of any kind):

Current teacher: School attending in 2018:

Your child's teacher's recommendation: this applicant can meet the minimum requirements: Yes / No

Tutor's name: Tutor's signature:

Please tick if you would like to express your interest in serving as a Trustee or Parent representative on the Saturday Music Board.

(Refer to the Saturday Music handbook for further information).