

WA MASSED CHOIR FESTIVAL



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CHORAL COMPOSITION/COMPETITION FOR MCF 2023

The WA MASSED CHOIR FESTIVAL is committed to supporting Australian choral composers. We would like to extend this and offer an opportunity to Tertiary music students and any emerging composers who are interested in choral composition.

Tertiary music students and emerging composers are invited to submit a choral composition for consideration for the 2023 MASSED CHOIR FESTIVAL repertoire.

PRIZE MONEY:

The winning entry will receive \$1000. The winning composition must address all criteria.

The due date for the 2023 repertoire is **March 25, 2022**.

Please note: The Massed Choir Festival reserves the right not to award a prize if a suitable standard is not reached. MCF reserves the right for the song to premiere at the 2023 festival.

The composition should observe the following:

MELODY:

- Unison/2part (Soprano and Alto) / optional descant / optional solo
- Shared leading note into harmonies

RANGE:

- Approximately 2 octaves ranging from Bb3 to F5, with most of the work between B3 and E5

RHYTHM:

- Consistent in similar phrases
- Syncopation is acceptable but should not be overly complex

STRUCTURE:

- Should include verse, chorus and a bridge

LENGTH:

- Approximately three (3) minutes.

GENRE:

- The composition should centre around positive ideas possibly using the following genres:

Rock	Indigenous	Art Song
Folk	Classical	Gospel
World Music	Blues/Jazz	

SUBMISSIONS:

- Scores to be submitted as a Sibelius file and as a pdf
- Piano part required along with vocal lines

INSTRUMENTATION:

Each year at the Massed Choir Festival we employ a professional band along with a string quartet.

The band comprises 2 percussionists (drumkit and general percussion), electric bass and piano. Parts for these extra instruments are not required.

Submissions to be emailed by March 25, 2022 to mcf.enquiry@gmail.com.

Please contact Mary-Anne Goyder: Director of Music by phone (0438 079 648) if you have any questions. We would be happy to discuss the process with anyone interested.