

MCF WA MASSED CHOIR FESTIVAL

WA Schools' Choral Festival Association

17th to 26th SEPTEMBER 2025

Perth High Performance Centre (HPC)

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ONLY TO APPLY

AFFILIATION FOR NON-PERFORMING SCHOOLS

If you would like to utilise the resources of the WA Massed Choir Festival but your school is unable to be a part of the performances, then this is your year!

Choose 'one conductor' then 'AFFILIATION' on the registration form which will then give you access to our app, attendance at our workshops, our website and all music.

OUR AMAZING APP!

Students and teachers will have access to an app where all songs and information will be available. The app will also include choralography videos once completed.

On registration: You will receive information for accessing our app, with backing tracks, vocal recordings and vocal line scores which you can use to start learning the repertoire immediately. Register early!

FESTIVAL INFORMATION

- Purchase RESOURCES USB at time of registration.
- Pre-order CONCERT VIDEO at time of registration.
- Suitable for years 4 to 6 only
- SCHOOLS DO NOT BUY ANY MUSIC! All copyright included in registration cost.
- Professional band and string quartet to accompany each concert.
- Commissioned music works written specifically for the festival which supports the curriculum in our schools and WA's history.
- COMPERES: Two auditioned comperes to comperes the entire concert.
- SOLOISTS: A variety of solos for students to audition for.
- All students and teachers will have access to a password protected webpage with music and lyrics.
- Lyrics for songs available from the MCF website for use on smartboards.
- Lessons to use in the classroom to support learning the songs.
- Choralography videoed and uploaded for use on smartboards.
- Comprehensive book for teachers including all vocal scores, information and forms.
- All forms and information available on the MCF website for teachers, parents and students.
- Links to AITSL standards for teachers.

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS

Mary-Anne Goyder is a Level 3 classroom teacher who has been a music specialist with the Department of Education and has taught in both Secondary and Primary schools. In 2007 she was awarded the inaugural 'National Award for Excellence in School Music Education-Excellence by a Teacher'. Mary-Anne delivers PD and won the Department of Education Women of Achievement Award for 2018. She has been a conductor of the festival since 2009.

Mirelle Hopwood has been conducting the Massed Choir Festival since 2012 and has had a keen interest in choral music and conducting since graduating from WAAPA with a Bachelor of Music (Perf) and a Grad Dip Ed from ECU. Since 2001, Mirelle has been a secondary music teacher in the GATE Music Program at Churchlands Senior High School, where she teaches classroom music, and directs various ensembles. Mirelle is a passionate advocate for choral singing, not only as a central part of any musical education, but also for the profound expressive, social, emotional and physiological benefits it provides and the communities that it creates. Mirelle is currently the Musical Director for the Perth Pride Choir, a community choir celebrating the LGBTIQ+ community and their allies.

REHEARSALS and CONCERT DETAILS

Choose which choir/concert suits your school best.

Example: Choir 3 with Cluster rehearsal on 27TH August (12.15 – 2.15pm), Day Rehearsal on 19th September, Tech Rehearsal and Concert on 20th September.

CHECK CAREFULLY FOR ALL SPORTS CARNIVALS AND CAMPS

FESTIVAL CONCERTS 1-7 17th to 26th SEPTEMBER 2025 7.15pm to 8.45pm

	CLUSTER REHEARSALS	DAY REHEARSAL	TECHNICAL REHEARSAL & CONCERT
Venue	TARYN FIEBIG CONCERT HALL (CSHS)	PERTH HIGH PERFORMANCE CENTRE (HPC) (Formerly HBF STADIUM)	PERTH HIGH PERFORMANCE CENTRE (HPC) (Formerly HBF STADIUM)
Times	See below:	CHOIRS 1 TO 7: Choir 1: 10.15am to 2.15pm Choir 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7: 9.45pm - 1.30pm	Tech. Rehearsal: 5.30pm to 6.40pm Concert: 7.15pm to 8.45pm
Concert particulars and dates			
**Extra Cluster	Tues. 26 th August 9.45 – 11.45 See registration form for details		
CLUSTER REHEARSALS		DAY REHEARSAL	TECH AND CONCERT
1.	Tues. 26th August 12.15 - 2.15	Wednesday 17th Sept (HPC)	Thursday 18th September
2.	Wed. 27 th August 9.45 - 11.45	Thursday 18 th Sept (HPC)	Friday 19 th September
3.	Wed. 27 th August 12.15–2.15	Friday 19 th Sept (HPC)	Saturday 20 th September
4.	Thurs. 28 th August 9.45 - 11.45	Monday 22 nd Sept (HPC)	Tuesday 23 rd September
5.	Thurs. 28 th August 12.15–2.15	Tuesday 23 rd Sept (HPC)	Wednesday 24 th September
6.	Friday 29 th August 9.45 - 11.45	Wednesday 24 th Sept (HPC)	Thursday 25 th September
7.	Friday 29 th August 12.15–2.15	Thursday 25 th Sept (HPC)	Friday 26 th September

Cluster Rehearsal 6 & 7: OBV concert date is August 29.

CONDUCTOR WORKSHOPS

It is essential that you attend BOTH workshops. Check these dates carefully. Place these dates into your diaries immediately after registration.

CONDUCTOR WORKSHOP 1

Friday MARCH 14, 2025

- 9.00am to 3.10pm
- Morning tea and lunch provided
- Venue: **St Anselm's Anglican Church, Kingsley**

CONDUCTOR WORKSHOP 2

Saturday AUGUST 2, 2025

- 9.30am to 1pm
- A scrumptious morning tea will be provided.
- Venue: **St Anselm's Anglican Church, Kingsley**

REPERTOIRE 2025: (Choirs will learn and memorise one part)

- ****A HINT OF HOPE** (Commissioned work: Mark Puddy). A song about the rescue of the Thai soccer team in 2018.
- **BELIEVER:** Imagine Dragons (student choice)
- **DOTS ON THE SHELLS:** Yothu Yindi
- **EVERYBODY WANTS TO RULE THE WORLD:** Tears For Fears
- **FLOODING RAIN:** Harley Mead
- **I'M STILL STANDING:** Elton John and Bernie Taupin
- **OUR HOME AUSTRALIA:** Kenneth Chan
- **PARKOUR:** Paul Jarman
- **SING FOR YOU:** Glyn Lehmann
- **WATCH US SHINE:** Ben Clapton
- **WHAT'S THE PRESSURE:** Sanne Putseys, Louis Favrem, Birsan Ucar & Yannick Werther

**** denotes commissioned work**

COSTS: (Price increase due to rise in all aspects of production)

FEE:	COST TO SCHOOLS	+GST
Rank 1: 1 to 20 students	\$465	\$511.50
Rank 2: 21 to 50 students	\$525	\$577.50
Rank 3: 51 to 75 students	\$580	\$638.00
Rank 4: 76 to 99 students	\$650	\$715.00
Rank 5: 100 and over	\$725	\$797.50
Affiliation fee (non-performing schools)	\$450	\$495.00
MUSIC: You do not need to purchase any music for this festival.		
TICKETS: All tickets will be sold online through Ticketmaster	TBC	
PLEASE NOTE: PAYMENT WILL BE MADE ON REGISTRATION *Extra teacher attending the PL: \$150 (includes GST)		

REFUND POLICY: Refunds are not available, after the closing date for registration, as our costs are based on registration numbers.

ENTRY

REGISTRATION to be made online after 30/1/25 at:

www.massedchoirfestival.org.au

Payment (by credit card) will need to be made with registration.

Closing date for registration: WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26

Apply early to assist us with organisation

Get started on the repertoire in term 1!

www.massedchoirfestival.org.au

2025 Committee

Stephanie Bojanich, Alison Conroy, Anni Crowe, Mary-Anne Goyder, Amy Hall, Mandy Herriman, Mirelle Hopwood, Kate Humphreys, Graham Jamison, Erin Lysle, Kirstin MacLean, Kailee Marshall, Tim Marshall, Lynda Pateman, Dixee Poh, Marsha Rowley, Emily Ruddock, Lana Winfield.

Kind regards

Mary-Anne Goyder

Music Director