



## WHAT WE EXPECT FROM ANZ ACADEMY CHOIR MEMBERS

**Commitment:** This is not a casual membership - we expect 100% commitment from you. It is a 1-year commitment to the other members of the choir, to the Music Director, and all Academy staff. All of whom will uplift and honour the Mana of **ANZ Academy Choir**.

**Hard work:** **ANZ Academy Choir's** rehearsal weeks are concentrated, intense but highly rewarding. Days usually run 8.30am to 6pm or later.

**Respectful social interactions:** The **ANZ Academy Choir** grows into a whānau (family) of which you will be a vital member. Your relationships with fellow choir members and staff should be conducted with respect.

**Discipline:** As with everything else in life, we have rules that are designed to make your Academy Choir journey SAFE and SUCCESSFUL for you and your fellow singers'. You are expected to respect and honour those rules. The choir management team can revoke choir membership for serious breaches of our Code of Conduct. Both parent/guardian and choir members are required to sign this document below.

## ACADEMY CHOIR 2023 PROGRAMME

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
<b>MARCH 2023 COURSE</b>	<b>March 10-12</b>	<b>Auckland</b>
<b>APRIL 2023 COURSE</b>	<b>April 13-16</b> Travel Thursday morning, home Sunday evening	<b>Wellington</b> Performances: Open rehearsal TBC  Note: NZSSC in town
<b>ACCESS to ChoirLAB (all year)</b>	<b>April onwards</b>	Academy choir singers will have access to our national choir's online learning tool, ChoirLAB. This includes exercises, warm-ups, repertoire introductions and learning tracks and more...
<b>JULY 2023 COURSE</b>	<b>July 14-16</b> Travel Friday morning, home Sunday evening	<b>Auckland</b> Performances: Open rehearsal TBC  Note: over Matariki
<b>OCTOBER 2023 COURSE</b>	<b>September 29 to October 1</b> Travel Friday	<b>Auckland</b> Performances: End of year Concert TBC Note: NZYC in town, exploring joint

	morning, home Sunday evening	performance opportunity
<b>OCT/NOV</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>NZYC Auditions</b> Every year NZYC will now audition for new members. Auditions are usually in the main centres.
<b>Virtual courses</b>	<b>1 April</b> <b>4 June</b> <b>5 August</b>	<b>Zoom online courses, lasting for half-days</b>

## HOW THE ACADEMY CHOIR OPERATES

**Commitment and Absences:** This initiative is an opportunity for you to develop ‘your game’ in choral singing. Only with your full commitment will you get the results from working with these amazing artistic staff members and fellow singers. In order for you to join the Academy Choir, we expect FULL commitment from all members to attend all courses and to remain with the choir for the full 2023 cycle, April 2023 to October 2023. On a case by case basis, we sometimes allow absences for **school or family events arranged prior to accepting membership**. All absences must be approved by both the Music Director and the Academy Choir Manager, and must be requested at the time of accepting membership. The fees for missed courses will generally not be refunded.

**Staff:** Each course is led by the Academy Choir Music Director, assisted by expert staff, accompanist and Vocal Coach. You will find our staff biographies on the website (to be launched soon). Additional specialist staff are contracted when needed.

**Travel and Accommodation:** All Academy Choir singers are in charge of arranging and paying for their own travel and accommodation.

The Academy Choir Manager will share any special deals and arrangements or billeting opportunities with you.

If you have family / friends in the rehearsal city, please ask them to billet you and, if possible, another same-sex member of the choir. You will be reminded about this well in advance of each course.

**Concerts:** We plan to have a public concert usually at the end of the year’s programme. Tickets are generally \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, \$10 for students, under 12s free. We will post ticket booking links on our website. You receive one free ticket for each member you billet during that particular course.

## CONNECTING WITH ANZ ACADEMY CHOIR

Your main contact is the Manager lee Martelli-Wood:

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The main source of information for anything to do with the choir, including concert dates and ticket booking will be the choir's website [nzacademychoir.com](http://nzacademychoir.com). The site will include a members section where you will find a link to the up-to-date Academy Choir programme, and links to the following communication groups:

- The Academy Choir Facebook page
- And membership of our closed Facebook (*students only*) group

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