

Winter Choir School 2 – 7 July 2012

for school aged soprano/treble & alto voices



Rathkeale College, Willow Park Drive, Masterton

Director: Peter de Blois
Tutors: Glenda Ryman
Adam Gordon
Registrar: Krystyna Wishnowsky
Chaplain: The Rev'd Alison Stewart

What is the RSCM Winter Choir School?

The school is a short residential course for young people and is designed to be musical, social and fun. Singers from all over New Zealand come to work with each other and some of the country's finest musicians.

We aim to foster friendship between young singers, to promote good choral skills and to produce a final service to formally showcase some of the results of the week's workshops. Each day involves sessions on repertoire: rehearsing with the whole school and in smaller groups called 'houses'. All singers take part in Mixed Groups which allow older singers to mix with and encourage younger singers, and be mentors. Each day begins with a whole-school warm-up and ends with a chapel service lead by one of the houses.

Music is carefully chosen to suit the strengths, numbers and range of singers attending the school, with a strong music and spiritual educational component.

The School makes several awards for excellence and leadership at the end of the week, with two cups available for juniors and the Choir School Ribbon available for seniors. Scholarships for future Choir Schools are also available under various criteria. More information on School awards and scholarships will be given to students during the week.

As well as all the music, there is free time every day! The school has extensive grounds to explore. Many singers take advantage of the free time to work on an item for the School's in-house concert, where they can show off talents other than singing!

2012 Starting & Finishing times:

The course begins with registrations from 2.30pm on Monday 2nd July and finishes after the Final Service on Saturday 7th July which begins at 11.00am and finishes at approximately 12.30pm.

Important Note: You need to bring your own sleeping bag, pillow and towel. No bedding is being provided so as to keep costs down.

Location/Transport:

The school will be held at Rathkeale College, Masterton. Those wishing to make their own way should arrive no later than 2.30pm to register. Singers may choose to travel from Wellington on the train which leaves Wellington Railway Station at 12.55pm. The cost for this is approximately \$9.00 for students, \$17.00 for adults. **Please let the Registrar know if you intend to catch this train as transport from Masterton Railway station will need to be arranged.**

Enrolments are welcomed from all interested sopranos/trebles and altos. There are always singers from all backgrounds and with varying degrees of musical experience, so don't let this get in your way! There are limited places available and they will be allocated in the order that applications are received, so get your forms in **early**.

Parents and friends are welcome to attend the Final Service at 11.00am on Saturday 7 July in the Auditorium at Rathkeale College. **Please note we cannot offer accommodation or hospitality to anyone other than singers.**

Day-students: for the 2012 school, we will be accepting day-students who will not live-in at Rathkeale. Day-students will participate in all other aspects of the school.

A letter or email will be sent confirming your enrolment. Enrolments will be accepted at the discretion of the Director and Registrar. **Absolute last date for enrolments is 15 May 2012.**

Please note: Partial refunds for choristers going home for reasons other than illness will be at the Registrar's discretion.

If you play an instrument, please bring it along. We'd like to incorporate instruments into the final service and you'll be wanting it for the concert too!

Music staff for 2012:

Director: Peter de Blois has held appointments as Organ Scholar and Sub-Organist at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dunedin; Sub-Organist at Christ Church Cathedral, Christchurch and Assistant Director of Music at the Wellington Cathedral of St. Paul. From 1992-1994 he was a Tenor Lay Clerk at Ely Cathedral in England. He has been Director of Music at the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Wellington, the Wellington Youth Choir and Assistant Conductor of the New Zealand National Youth Choir. For the last 10 years, Peter has been Director of Music at the Auckland Cathedral of The Holy Trinity and an Advisor to the RSCM. He also spent eight years as a Music Examiner for the International Examinations Board *Trinity Guildhall*. In recognition of his work in church music, Peter received the honorary award of Associate of the Royal School of Church Music (ARSCM). Peter is Chairman of the Wellington Branch of the RSCM.

Tutor: Adam Gordon is an experienced pianist, organist, accompanist and teacher. His early musical education in England started as a chorister at Westminster Abbey in London and following secondary school, he was awarded an Organ Scholarship to New College, Oxford. His teaching career has taken him around the world; he has been Head of Music at schools in England and New Zealand, was Director of Performing Arts for nine years at the British International School in Jakarta and is currently Head of Music at Rathkeale College in Masterton.

Tutor: Glenda Ryman studied voice in England with David Hill and with the late Joan Howard and Roger Wilson in New Zealand. She has a particular passion for developing choral skills in children. While living in Whanganui she was both Director of Music at St George's Prep School and tutor-in-voice at Whanganui Collegiate School. She has performed as a soprano soloist in both England and New Zealand, and since 2009 has been Director of Music at St Mark's Church School, Wellington.

**ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC
2012 Winter Choir School**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Family name of Parent/Caregiver (if different from student) _____

Age at 1 July 2012 _____

School Class: Year _____

Telephone (Day): _____

(Emergency): _____

Email: _____

Voice type: please circle: Soprano Treble Alto

Choir you sing in/school you attend: _____

How long have you been singing? _____

Instrument you play: _____ How long have you been playing: _____

If you have attended a Choir School before please list the year(s): _____

Please state any medical or dietary needs, and list any medication as required. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary: _____

I will be catching the train to Masterton: Yes / No

Please note: Choristers who are in Year 9 or above will be allowed to leave the school grounds during free time. They will need to sign out and then sign in upon their return.

FEES:

Day-student: \$225 if received in full before 1 April 2012

Day-student: \$270 if received in full after 1 April 2012

Residential: \$320 if received in full before 1 April 2012

Residential: \$370 if received in full after 1 April 2012

Full payment of \$ _____

I am making the full payment: via internet banking / attaching a cheque (please circle)

Reference name is: _____

(BNZ Wellington Branch 020500 0236837 02)

Send this registration form to:

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