

News from the Metropolitan Male Choir of South Australia

New Year, New Adventures!

We're looking forward to a lot of exciting events ahead. Our first big concert will be the Songs of Faith concert at Kent Town Uniting Church on the 7th of April, but you can catch us before that on Sunday, the 17th of March at St Francis of Assisi Church at Christies Beach. Later this year in September we'll be on tour in Tasmania, performing in Launceston and Hobart.

Songs of Faith

Our first big concert of the year is our Songs of Faith program. We will be performing this on the 7th of April at 2.00 pm at Kent Town Uniting Church.

The Choir will present favourite Songs of Faith including rousing choruses by Handel and Rutter as well as traditional Hymns such as **Calon Lan** and **Be Thou My Vision**, and beautiful reflective sacred works by Faure, Schubert, Bruckner and Randall Thompson. This concert features an orchestra as well as special supporting artists.



Organist (and former Deputy Music Director of the MMCSA) **Andrew Georg** (pictured left) will play solo works accompanied by the orchestra by Albinoni and Guilmant.

'Cellist **James Munro** will perform Kol Nidrei by Max Bruch. Mezzo Soprano **Naomi Hede** (right) will perform works by Mozart, Franck and Gounod.

The orchestra will perform Overture to the Oratorio St Paul, by Mendelssohn.

Tickets for the concert are just \$25 for Friends of the Choir if purchased during the month of February. They will go on sale to the public on trybooking.com at \$30 per ticket on the 1st of March. So

order your tickets now for \$25 until 28 February 2019. Give us a call on 0401 204 634 or send the booking form you'll find under *Upcoming Events* at <u>www.mmcsa.org</u> with your payment details to MMCSA, PO Box 12 Highgate, SA 5063.



Scholarship Winners

The Choir is very proud to sponsor a scholarship program every year. First prize is a \$2,000 scholarship and opportunities to perform in our major events. First prize for 2019 is formally awarded to **James Munro** ('Cello), left with **Choir President Neil Forrest**, at our Celebration of Christmas concert at Elder Hall in Adelaide on the 8th of December 2019. Our second prize winner was **Kiley Li** (piano) and the winner of June Genders Encouragement Award was **Marlon Kha** (clarinet). You can look forward to hearing all our scholarship award winners perform with the Choir this year, beginning with **James** at the **Songs of Faith** concert in April.

Diary for 2019

Pleasant Sunday Afternoon 17 March 2.00 pm, St Francis of Assisi, Christies Beach

Sunday 7 April 2.00pm: Songs of Faith, Wesley Uniting Church, Kent Town

Sunday 19 May 2.00 pm: Friends of the MMCSA Concert, Burnside City Uniting Church, Tusmore

Sunday 18 August 2.00 pm: MMCSA Variety Concert, Adelaide Town Hall

Saturday 30 November 2.00 pm: Celebration of Christmas, St Paul's, Tanunda

Saturday 7 December 7.30 pm: Celebration of Christmas, Elder Hall, University of Adelaide





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Christmas Concert

We had a wonderful turn out to both our Tidings of Comfort and Joy Christmas concerts, first at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Tanunda and then our Elder Hall concert on the 8th of December. We think everyone will agree that the men sounded wonderful, the string quartet was marvellous and all who attended enjoyed the spirit of the occasion! We especially want to thank all those that brought a new, unwrapped toy or gift to the Adelaide concert for our **Spirit of Christmas tree**.

The Choir (right) at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Tanunda on the 1st of December 2018. Thank you to all who came – our biggest audience there yet!





Almost a full house was present for Tidings of Comfort and Joy at Elder Hall on the 8th of December (left).

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