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Dear Chorister,

Handel's 'MESSIAH' 2018

We hope you are looking forward to our 78th annual performances in December. The following are important details you need to know.

- 1. Weekly rehearsals begin Monday 15 October at St Stephen's Church Macquarie Street, 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm. Please arrive in good time each week, especially the first week when you will be finalising your registration and collecting your personal practice attendance sheet. The church will open at 5:00 pm that week and at 6:30pm in subsequent weeks. A rehearsal will also be held at the Sydney Town Hall on the day of the first performance at a time to be announced.*
- 2. Performances will take place at 3:00 pm at Sydney Town Hall on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 December.*
- 3. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 24 September from City Recital Hall (online, telephone or over counter). Prices are unchanged from last year. Please visit the following website <https://www.cityrecitalhall.com/events/> for details of booking, cost and availability.*
- 4. There is a \$5 per ticket chorister discount Code: RCC18)*
- 5. Conductor Tim Chung; organist Peter Kneeshaw.*

REGISTRATION - IMPORTANT!!!!

For those registering online

1. Enter the webpage <http://www.handelsmessiah.org.au/choir/index.html> .
2. Complete the required information.
3. Make sure you click on the **Submit** button and wait for the registration to conclude (this may take up to a minute) after which you will receive an acknowledgement of your registration **by email**.
4. You have the option to pay your registration fee (\$25 full fee; \$15 pensioners but NOT seniors, \$0 children and full-time students) online by credit/debit card or pay at the first practice. We strongly recommend that you pay online as there are two advantages:
 - Collecting your attendance sheet at the first practice will be much faster, as there will be a separate queue for those who have already paid.
 - You will be automatically entered into a **ballot for a set of 2 free tickets** to the Saturday afternoon performance.
5. At the first practice you need to collect your attendance sheet from either the **registration paid queue** or the **registration not-yet-paid** queue. For the latter queue, you should have your registration fee ready (cash – exact money please or cheque payable to Radio Community Chest Inc).
6. **You MUST obtain your practice attendance sheet marked as paid and stick it into your Messiah score with the double-sided peelable sticker provided and then have it date stamped for attendance. We will not be back-dating attendance records.**
7. **If you don't have a score** they will be available at registration (\$20 – correct money, please) and your attendance sheet must be attached to the inside cover of your score to enable it to be date stamped each week for attendance.

For those registering by conventional mail

Please follow the following sequence.

- 1. Please register online (as above) if at all possible.**
- 2. Otherwise complete the full A4 form top and bottom provided to you in your Australia Post invitation letter and mail it to our PO address at the top of this page. Please do this **well before** the first practice and **no later than 1 October**, as manual processing will take some time.*
- 3. If you include your registration fee (\$25 full fee; \$15 pensioners but NOT seniors, \$0 children and full-time students) as a cheque payable to the Radio Community Chest Inc, you will be able to join the much faster **registration already paid queue** to collect your practice attendance sheet rather than the **registration not-yet-paid queue**.*
- 4. You MUST obtain your practice attendance sheet marked as paid and stick it into your Messiah score to have it stamped for attendance. We will not be back-dating attendance records.**
- 5. If you don't have a score** they will be available at registration (\$20 – correct money, please) and your attendance sheet must be attached to the inside cover of your score to enable it to be date stamped each week for attendance.

For those registering at the first practice

Please follow the following sequence.

- 1. Please come to the first practice early.**
- 2. Complete the full A4 form which will be provided to you. Completing the form and paying will take a little time. So, it is important that you arrive early.*
- 3. Please have your correct registration fee ready (\$25 full fee; \$15 pensioners but NOT seniors, \$0 children and full-time students) as cash – correct amount please or cheque payable to the Radio Community Chest Inc.*
- 4. You must obtain your practice attendance sheet marked as paid and stick it into your Messiah score to have it stamped. We will not be back-dating attendance records.**
- 5. If you don't have a score** they will be available at registration (\$20 – correct money, please) and your attendance sheet must be attached to the inside cover of your score to enable it to be date stamped each week for attendance.

*Our choristers register with us in a variety of ways and this really complicates the registration process for you and for us. We are trying very hard to streamline the process as much as possible and ask that you follow the above processes closely. **If at all possible, please register and pay online** as this simplifies everything for everybody.*

*At the first practice the church will be open extra early (5:00 pm) and we will have several different queues to handle the various alternatives mentioned above. **Please don't leave registration to the last minute!***

We look forward to seeing you again on 15 October.

*Stephen Matthews
Donald Mayes
John Pollard*

