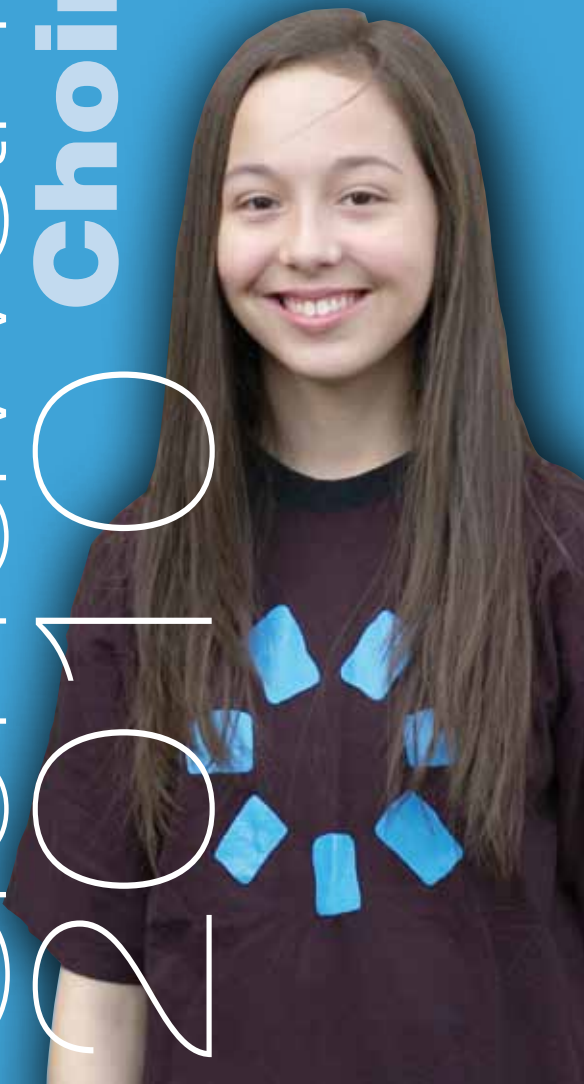


APPLICATIONS
CLOSE FRIDAY
21 AUGUST 2009

"It's an experience
**too great to
be missed!** How
lucky are we! **How
lucky am I!"**



Lyn Williams OAM Artistic Director

Gondwana choirs 2010

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WORLD SING

Gondwana Choirs offers remarkable choral and educational opportunities for young musicians from across Australia. Under its umbrella are the renowned Gondwana Voices and Gondwana Chorale as well as the training ensembles, Gondwana Singers and Junior Gondwana. These choirs are re-auditioned annually and come together in the intensive and inspirational Gondwana National Choral School held each January. In 2010 the Gondwana National Choral School will be held in at The Women's College, University of Sydney, NSW. Choristers will work with Australia's finest choral conductors and music educators, dynamic pianists and a range of professional musicians and artists. 2010 will also mark the first visit of internationally renowned guest conductor Karen Grylls.

Following participation in Gondwana National Choral School, applicants will have the opportunity to be selected for further exciting opportunities being offered in the 2010 program. Successful applicants to National Choral School will be offered a position in the choir most suited to their voice type, age and musical development.

International Guest Conductor Karen Grylls ONZM, Associate-Professor in Conducting and Head of Choral Studies at the University of Auckland assumed the position of Musical Director of TOWER NZ Youth Choir in 1989 and founded TOWER Voices NZ in March 1998. In addition to being the current Musical Director of both of these national choirs Karen also conducts the Chamber Choir at the University of Auckland and is much in demand throughout the world as a choral clinician.

“Gondwana is about
improving your skills in
singing. You **make heaps of
friends**, learn lots of things and
have a fantastic time.

You'll never want to leave!”

Junior Gondwana is for the many children aged 10 to 14 who love singing and show strong musical potential but have not previously had the opportunity to develop their musical ability to the degree required for Gondwana Voices. Many Junior Gondwana members have gone on to sing in Gondwana Voices in subsequent years. 2010 conductors are Allison Harrigan, Sydney Children's Choir's Education Director and Harley Mead one of Australia's most exciting young composers and conductors.

Gondwana Singers is the newest of the Gondwana Choirs and was formed in response to the increasing number of high standard auditions. Gondwana Singers caters for those choristers up to 15 years of age who are on the verge of gaining entry into Gondwana Voices or Gondwana Chorale. 2010 conductors are Julie Christiansen OAM, Artistic Director of Voices of Birralee and Claire Preston from the Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School and conductor of Exaudi Youth Choir. They will be joined by pianist Luke Byrne.

Gondwana Voices is made up of young singers aged 10 to 16. Formed in 1997 Gondwana Voices performs with Australia's leading music ensembles (such as the Australian Chamber Orchestra), undertakes major international tours (such as the 2007 tour to Canada, France and the BBC Proms), performs in major national events (such as the Melbourne Commonwealth Games opening and closing ceremonies) and records for ABC Classics. 2010 conductors are Artistic Director & Founder, Lyn Williams OAM and Principal Guest Conductor Mark O'Leary, Artistic Director & Founder of Young Voices of Melbourne. They will be joined by pianist Sally Whitwell.

Gondwana Chorale is a perfect way for singers to continue their Gondwana experience. Within this choir, former members of Gondwana Voices and new choristers can take their singing to a new level of choral excellence. Gondwana Chorale is an SATB Choir for young women aged 17 - 21 and young men and boys aged 15 - 21. Gondwana Chorale is a chance to build on the skills learnt with Gondwana Voices, make music at the highest level, be inspired, have fun and maintain friendships forged during previous Gondwana activities. 2010 conductors are Principal Guest Conductor Paul Holley, Director of the award winning Brisbane Birralee Blokes and Guest Conductor Karen Grylls ONZM from the New Zealand Youth Choir. They will be joined by pianist Ben van Tienen.

Each choir provides an opportunity for young people to come together from all over Australia and share their passion for music. Whilst the learning environment is intense and challenging, for over a decade choristers have found it to be a fun and highly rewarding experience and an opportunity to make friends from all over Australia.

In 2010, Gondwana National Choral School will be held at The Women's College, Sydney, NSW. During this exciting residential season of rehearsals, workshops and performances choristers will have the opportunity to work with some of Australia's foremost choral conductors. **The 2010 special project will be a collaboration with Australia's premier percussion ensemble, Synergy Percussion.** Exciting new works are being commissioned for performance by the choirs and Synergy. Gondwana Chorale and Gondwana Voices choristers who are also advanced string instrumentalists have the option of participating in the Gondwana Chamber Orchestra as well as singing. The Orchestra rehearses regularly during National Choral School and performs in the final concerts.

DATES Gondwana Chorale and Gondwana Voices:
10 – 24 January 2010
Gondwana Singers: 12 – 24 January 2010
Junior Gondwana: 13 – 24 January 2010
Family Open Day: Saturday 16 January 2010
Performances: Saturday 23 January 2010,
Verbrugghen Hall, Sydney Conservatorium of Music

VENUE The Women's College, Sydney, NSW

COST Gondwana Chorale & Gondwana Voices:
\$1,430 (GST not applicable)
Gondwana Singers: \$1,370 (GST not applicable)
Junior Gondwana: \$1,300 (GST not applicable)

Cost includes accommodation & meals on campus, sightseeing, ground transfers, t-shirt, music & tuition. Please note that return transport from each chorister's home to Sydney airport at the beginning and end of the season and travel insurance are not included.

Over 18 Non-Residential Participants

In 2010 choristers over 18 years of age will have the option to be non-residential participants in National Choral School. This will give older choristers greater flexibility to plan their own accommodation and meal arrangements but still be part of the National Choral School experience.

COST Gondwana Chorale (non-residential):
\$900 (GST not applicable)

Cost includes t-shirt, music & tuition. Please note that meals, all transport and travel insurance are not included.

Financial Assistance

Gondwana aims to make its programs accessible to all young Australians and has a Bursary Program to provide financial assistance for participation fees and travel costs where possible.

“Being part of such **high quality music making** was an amazing experience and **making friends** with ‘Gondies’ from **all around Australia** was really special.”

2010 will be a year of major performances and rewarding choral opportunities for Gondwana Choirs’ choristers. Following participation in National Choral School participants will have the opportunity for selection in a number of activities. These include:

GONDWANA SINGERS & JUNIOR GONDWANA

OPERA HOUSE CELEBRATION CONCERT — SYDNEY



july

This season takes place in Sydney as the choirs prepare for the Opera House Celebration Concert. 2010 marks 21 years since the Sydney Children’s Choir was founded by Lyn Williams. The organisation has now grown to include all the Gondwana Choirs who will join the Sydney Children’s Choir and a special alumni choir for a performance in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House.

DATES 30 June – 5 July 2010
Performance: Sunday 4 July, 7pm, Sydney Opera House Concert Hall (tickets will be available from the Sydney Opera House Box Office from March 2010)

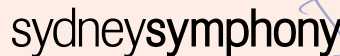
COST \$500 (GST not applicable)

Cost includes music, tuition, accommodation and meals. Homestay accommodation will be generously provided by Sydney Children’s Choir families. Please note that return transport from each chorister’s home to Sydney airport at the beginning and end of the season and travel insurance is not included.

GONDWANA VOICES

SYDNEY SYMPHONY 2010 SEASON
OPENING GALA — SYDNEY

february



Vladimir Ashkenazy Principal Conductor & Artistic Advisor

Gondwana Voices has been invited to join with Sydney Children’s Choir to perform at the opening of the Sydney Symphony’s 2010 Season in the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall. The choir, under the baton of internationally acclaimed conductor Vladimir Ashkenazy, will join with hundreds of choristers from the Sydney Philharmonia Choirs to perform a large scale choral masterpiece.

DATES 13 – 21 February 2010
Performances: Thur. 18 & Sat. 20 February 2010, 8pm, Sydney Opera House Concert Hall

COST \$250 (GST not applicable)

Cost includes music, tuition, accommodation and meals. Homestay accommodation will be generously provided by Sydney Children’s Choir families. Please note that return transport from each chorister’s home to Sydney airport at the beginning and end of the season and travel insurance is not included.

OPERA HOUSE CELEBRATION & FESTIVAL OF VOICES TOUR — SYDNEY & HOBART

june/july



This season begins in Sydney as the choir prepares for the Opera House Celebration Concert. 2010 marks 21 years since the Sydney Children’s Choir was founded by Lyn Williams. The organisation has now grown to include all the Gondwana Choirs who will join the Sydney Children’s Choir and a special alumni choir for a performance in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House. Gondwana Voices will then travel to Hobart to participate in the 2010 Festival of Voices as a guest choir.

DATES 29 June – 12 July 2010
Performance: Sunday 4 July, 7pm, Sydney Opera House Concert Hall (tickets will be available from the Sydney Opera House Box Office from March 2010)

COST \$1,800 (GST not applicable)

Cost includes accommodation at the Collaroy Conference Centre in Sydney, meals, ground transfers, Sydney to Hobart flights, music, tuition and tour clothing. Please note that transport from each chorister’s home to Sydney airport at the beginning of the season and transport from Hobart airport to each chorister’s home at the end of the season is not included. Some accommodation during the tour will be homestays with local choirs.

VOICES OF ANGELS — SYDNEY

december

Every year Sydney Children’s Choir and Gondwana Voices celebrate the festive season with an uplifting concert of traditional Christmas music as well as fresh and fun new sounds of an Australian Christmas. Gondwana Voices will take part in a series of intensive rehearsals in Sydney before performing in two joyous concerts at City Recital Hall Angel Place on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 December.

DATES 10 – 17 December 2010

COST \$250 (GST not applicable)

Cost includes music, tuition, meals, accommodation and ground travel. Please note that return transport from each chorister’s home to Sydney airport at the beginning and end of the season and travel insurance is not included. Homestay accommodation will be generously provided by Sydney Children’s Choir families.

GONDWANA CHORALE

OPERA HOUSE CELEBRATION & CHORALFEST — SYDNEY, PORT MACQUARIE

june/july



This season begins in Sydney as the choir prepares for the Opera House Celebration Concert. 2010 marks 21 years since the Sydney Children’s Choir was founded by Lyn Williams. The organisation has now grown to include all the Gondwana Choirs who will join the Sydney Children’s Choir and a special alumni choir for a performance in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House. Following the Opera House concert Gondwana Chorale will travel to Port Macquarie to take part in the Australian National Choral Association’s Choralfest.

DATES 29 June – 11 July
Performance: Sunday 4 July, 7pm, Sydney Opera House Concert Hall (tickets will be available from the Sydney Opera House Box Office from March 2010)

COST \$1,500 (GST not applicable)

Cost includes accommodation at the Collaroy Conference Centre in Sydney and on the tour, meals, ground transfers, music, tuition and tour clothing. Please note that return transport from each chorister’s homes to Sydney airport at the beginning and end of the season and travel insurance are not included. Some accommodation during the tour will be provided by host families from local choirs.

Integral to the Gondwana National Choral Program are training and mentoring opportunities for young and emerging conductors and composers. In 2010 we have three outstanding skills development opportunities:

THE GONDWANA YOUNG COMPOSER AWARD

Australian composers aged from 14 – 25 are invited to submit a short work for one of the National Choral School choirs. The winner will receive a cash prize and the winning entry will be performed at the National Choral School concert at Verbrugghen Hall, Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

GUIDELINES 3 – 5 minute work (or several shorter pieces) for SATB (Gondwana Chorale), or treble voice choirs (Gondwana Voices, Gondwana Singers or Junior Gondwana). The work could be a cappella or accompanied by piano. The work should have been written in the last 12 months and should not previously have been performed.

PRIZE \$1,000

Closing date for compositions: Friday 20 November 2009.

GONDWANA CONDUCTOR INTERNSHIP

Aspiring conductors aged 18 – 25 will have the opportunity to work with some of Australia's finest choral conductors at National Choral School in 2010. This exciting initiative includes the opportunity to assist the conductors with sectional rehearsals and to conduct the choirs where appropriate. Participants will be given special classes by the conductors of National Choral School. Successful participants may be offered further opportunities during the year. In 2010 Conductor Interns will not be able to participate in National Choral School as choristers.

DATES 10 – 24 January 2010

VENUE The Women's College, Sydney, NSW

COST \$1,430 (GST not applicable)

REHEARSAL OBSERVATION

In 2010 Gondwana Choirs will throw open its doors for interested music students and music professionals. This will be an ideal way to see Australia's finest young singers working with some of Australia's foremost conductors.

DATES Specified days during National Choral School, 10 – 23 January 2010

VENUE The Women's College, Sydney, NSW

COST \$20 per session (GST not applicable)

Contact Gondwana Choirs on (02) 9251 4226 or email info@gondwanachoirs.com.au for further information and to find out how to apply.

Gondwana Choirs membership is based on an annual application and audition process and is open to young singers aged 10 – 21 from all areas of Australia. Nationwide auditions are held in late September / early October each year. Auditions will be granted for all applications received and the audition is designed to give applicants a chance to demonstrate their singing ability and other musical skills. Everyone has strengths in different areas and we recognise this fact in the audition process. For entry into Gondwana Chorale or Gondwana Voices a high standard of aural skills and sight singing is expected.

How to apply

1. Complete the application form (this can be downloaded from our website www.gondwanachoirs.com.au) and attach a recent passport photo of yourself.
2. On **ONE** separate A4 piece of paper please outline your previous choral & instrumental experience including instrument(s) played and AMEB grade(s) or approximate levels as well as AMEB musicianship or theory grade (or approximate level)
3. Obtain a written recommendation from someone qualified to comment on your choral and musical ability (e.g. current music teacher, school Principal, university music lecturer or choir conductor **but not a family member**). Referees preparing more than one reference are invited to write a joint reference with a paragraph on each applicant.
4. Pay the non-refundable application fee of \$40 (GST not applicable) by cheque or Australia Post money order (payable to Gondwana Choirs).
5. Send all the above documents to: Gondwana Choirs Auditions, Pier 4 Hickson Road, Millers Point NSW, 2000. **All applications must be received no later than Friday 21 August 2009.**
6. If you are applying for an audiovisual audition, please tick the indicated box on the application form.

Audition process

1. Sing one song (preferably by an Australian composer) from memory. This song may be performed with or without live accompaniment (if required applicants need to provide their own accompanist - no CD / cassette accompaniment permitted).
2. Take an aural test including melodic memory, part-singing and sight-singing.
3. Please note that auditions for the Gondwana Chamber Orchestra take place during National Choral School.

Audition schedule for 2010

Face-to-face auditions will be held as indicated in late September / October 2009 (additional dates may also be added). Applicants will be notified by mail of the exact date, time and venue of their audition.

Sun 13 Sept: Toowoomba	Thur 17 Sept: Cairns	Fri 18 Sept: Rockhampton
Sun 20 Sept: Brisbane	Sat 26 Sept: Adelaide	Sun 27 Sept: Perth
Tue 29 Sept: Darwin	Wed 30 Sept: Alice Springs	Fri 9 Oct: Hobart
Sat 10 Oct: Melbourne	Sun 11 Oct: Canberra	Sat 17 Oct: Sydney
Sun 18 Oct: Sydney	Tue 20 Oct: Armidale	

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Applicants from isolated/remote areas

Audiovisual auditions are accepted from applicants living further than 200kms away from any of the audition cities. Information explaining how to submit your audition will be sent to you. Please note that audiovisual applications on VHS will not be accepted.

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