

Dunedin RSA Choir

A NEWSLETTER FOR CHOIR MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS

Our website: www.dunedinrsachoir.co.nz

Upcoming Events: This is a provisional list of events and functions the choir is planning to take part in. Many of the details still have to be confirmed and some events listed may even have to be cancelled.

1. **Anzac Revue on ANZAC Day**, Tuesday 25th April 2023 - For more details go to Event Page.
2. **Matariki Scholar Concert**, Friday 14th July 2023 at the St. Patrick's Basilica, Macandrew Road, South Dunedin.
3. **Edinburgh Art Awards**, Thursday 27th July 2023 in the Dunedin Railway Station Foyer.
4. **Peace Sunday**, (to be confirmed).
5. **Merchant Navy Day**, on Sunday 3rd September (to be confirmed).
6. **Passchendaele Memorial Service**, Thursday 12th October at the Dunedin Railway Station (to be confirmed).
7. **Remembrance Day Concert**, Saturday 11th November at Knox Church



Chairman's Message

Dear friends of the Dunedin RSA Choir

As Autumn closes in, we hope this newsletter finds you well.

We are pleased to be offering another full year of public and civil performances starting with our ANZAC Day remembrance services. We will be participating in the Dawn Service, Monticello Veterans Home Service and our evening ANZAC Revue.

We continue with our Vocal Scholarship Programme, established in the year 2000. This year we have appointed two Vocal Scholars: one new and the other to replace one scholar who has transferred his studies away from singing. We are thankful for the ongoing financial support of the Dunedin East Rotary Club as we delight in supporting young singing talent. An opportunity to hear our current scholars will be at our mid-year Vocal Scholars' Concert around Matariki.

It's not often publicised but we welcome visitors or prospective new members to visit us at our weekly Monday evening practices in the Salvation Army Hall in Princes St. Come around 8pm and you'll even get a cup of tea!

Don't forget to visit our web site (www.dunedinrsachoir.co.nz) to see details about our upcoming events, our Photo Gallery and other choir news.

Thank you in anticipation of your support at our ANZAC Revue.

Warm regards

Kevin

Kevin Tansley
Chair Dunedin RSA Choir

ANZAC Revue, Tuesday 25th April 2023, 7 pm

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2023 ANZAC Revue

7:00 pm

Tue 25th April

Knox Church

499 George St Dunedin



Tickets for sale at the Regent Theatre or cash only at the door

Adults \$25 Students/Children \$15

Featuring

Rebecca Ryan—Soloist

Otago Girls High School Choir—Nautilus Chorale

Otago Boys High School Choir

Knox Church Childrens Choir

Calla Knudson—Soloist

Conductor—Karen Knudson Accompanist - Mark Wigglesworth

The Choir is holding its ANZAC Revue at 7pm at the Dunedin Knox Church. The choir will present a mixture of well-liked older songs such as **Highland Cathedral** and **Battle Hymn of the Republic**, as well as some new songs such as **He Honore** and **Our Song** by Elton John.

We also have an exciting list of Guest Artists: International Soprano Rebecca Ryan, Soprano Calla Knudson, Otago Girls and Otago Boys High School Choirs, David Burchell on the Organ and Ralph Miller on the Trumpet. The Knox Church Children's choir will also sing items with the choir.

Tickets are for sale at the Regent Theatre or cash only at the door before the concert.

Adults \$25, Students/Children \$15

To purchase tickets over the internet from the Regent Theatre, go to our choir website: <https://www.dunedinrsachoir.co.nz>, in the HOME page, click on the link button below the concert poster to go to the Regent Theatre Ticket website.

Attending our ANZAC Revue in the evening of ANZAC Day will be a great finish to the country's ANZAC commemorations.

"We're looking forward to seeing you all at our Concert in the Knox Church!"

Matariki Scholar Concert - July 2023

The choir is planning to have a Matariki **Scholar Concert** on or close to Matariki day, at the St. Patrick's Basilica, Macandrew Road, South Dunedin.

We have found the St. Patrick's Basilica to be very suited to this type of event. This concert will give our 3 scholars the possibility to show what they can do. The choir will sing some songs, some on their own and some with input from the scholars.

More details, when available, will be advertised on our website: <https://www.dunedinrsachoir.co.nz>.

We like to introduce and Welcome our two New Choir Scholars - Rosie Auchinvole and Dominic Edmond.

Rosie Auchinvole



I am 19, Dunedin born and raised with a musical family. I went to Columba College and sang in choirs there since I was about 9 and have done solo singing since age 11. I am currently studying at the University of Otago, doing a Bachelor of Science in Geography and Geology, but I have my classical voice minor to keep me balanced.

I was part of the New Zealand Secondary Students Choir for four years and am now about to start in the New Zealand Youth Choir as a soprano. I am really looking forward to this, as it gives me so many opportunities to meet big names in the NZ classical performance field. It is also a great way to connect with other young singers across the country and make friends who are going through the same journey.

I am very grateful to be offered an RSA Choir scholarship and look forward to working and performing with the choir this year!

Dominic Edmond



Music has been a big part of Dominic's life. Coming from a musical family, he has grown to appreciate and perform music of many different genres and settings. His training was more classical in style, and he has been part of multiple "Big Sing" award-winning choirs throughout his high school education at Christ's Collage. He was the lead in the major school production of "West Side Story" (Tony), and in "Evita" (Ché), and was named best school vocalist from 2018-2020.

At the University of Otago, he is undertaking classical voice studies, and has been awarded a Dunedin Musical Societies as well as a Dunedin RSA Choir vocal scholarships. Additionally, Dominic has been involved in the 2022 capping show Sextet and is the co-creator of the band "The Edmond Brothers".

We are looking for New Singers!

Join our team of happy singers!

There are many benefits from being in a choir, including great socialising and improved health! As one of our mature guys said ' my doctor is amazed how good my lungs are and said, whatever you are doing, keep doing it'. You don't need to have a singing background or be ex service to join.

Just contact any choir member or come along to any of our weekly Monday practices (7 to 9 pm) in the Salvation Army Hall, Princes St, to see if it suits you. Visitors are always welcome.

For more Information about our choir, go to our Website www.dunedinrsachoir.co.nz



The Choir Website!

For more information about the choir and more up-to date information on any event the choir has planned, please look up our website at <https://www.dunedinrsachoir.co.nz>.