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## Archived News 2006

### Christmas Carolling 2006 Toowong Village Shopping Centre

Brisbane Concert Choir members perform a cappella Christmas favourites from Saturday 9th December to Saturday 23rd December.

It's a great place to sing - and a great place to shop ... one of Brisbane's most relaxed shopping venues. Why not give it a try!

#### Session Times

10am - 1.00pm	Sat 9th December
5.30 - 8.30pm	Thu 14th December
10am - 1.00pm	Sat 16th December
12 noon - 3.00pm	Sun 17th December
5.30 - 8.30pm	Tue 19th December
5.30 - 8.30pm	Thu 21st December
10am - 1.00pm	Sat 23rd December

Photos by Gaye Edwards Photography



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### 10th Anniversary Concert - 3 December 2006

Our final concert at St Andrew's for 2006 was enjoyed by an enthusiastic audience. Highlights of the choir's history were briefly recounted by choir chairman Ian Maurer in the hall afterwards, amidst balloons, memorabilia displays and a birthday cake! We look forward to the next 10 years!



Photo - Esther Andrews

***Carols in the Park - 2 December 2006***

A small group of our choristers sang at this, the second annual Christmas Carols in Gregory Park, Rosalie. Sponsored by Brisbane City Council and organised by the local Rotary club, this event not only provided an enjoyable evening for the many people who attended, but also provided help for less fortunate members of the community. Thanks to John C.E. D'Alton for the photo.



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***Tour to Western Australia - September/October 2008***

Having had such a great time in Lismore, the travel bug has bitten and we are planning to head off to Perth and southwest WA, one of the most beautiful parts of Australia, performing concerts, seeing the sights and sampling the local delicacies, including some of the bottled variety.

There will be places available on the tour for new members who join us in 2007 or 2008, so if you have been thinking of coming along for an audition, there has never been a better time!

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***Lismore Weekend - 23/24 September 2006***

We spent a very enjoyable weekend at Lismore, seeing some of the sights, sampling the locally grown coffee, performing at a morning service and finally presenting our afternoon concert in the beautiful St Carthage's Cathedral.






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### **The Mystery of LOVE - Concert 17 September 2006**



Photo by [René Marcel Photography](#)

An enthusiastic audience was delighted by the performances of two choirs at our recent concert. **Brisbane Concert Choir** was joined by guest choir **Grammar Singers**, a combined ensemble from Brisbane Grammar and Brisbane Girls Grammar schools.

After presenting their separate programs, the two groups combined to perform the sonorous setting of *O Magnum Mysterium* by Morton Lauridsen.

Brisbane Concert Choir is happy to continue its association with Brisbane Grammar School later in the year when we are joined by their Chamber Choir to perform John Rutter's *Mass of the Children*.

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### **Gounod Messe Solennelle 'from scratch' - 15 July 2006**

We had a great time staging our 4th Annual Come and Sing 'from scratch' event.

With about 130 singers, 40 orchestral players in the Sinfonia of St Andrew's, soloists Anita Parakh-Morgan, Jack Parakh-Morgan, and Michael Strasser, musical director Debra Shearer-Dirié, and a band of helpers in the kitchen, we worked our way through Gounod's Mass for St Cecilia and a large amount of delicious food on the way to an exciting performance in the evening.

While not quite as large an event as Haydn's Nelson Mass last year, it was nevertheless still a very successful day. One benefit of being in a smaller group was that we organisers got to talk to more of our guests than usual.

We look forward to staging **Beethoven's Mass in C** in 2007 as our 5th such event.



Click on the picture above to find all of the pictures from the day.

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### **Mozart & Miserere Concert - 21 May 2006**

Our first concert for the year was enjoyed by an audience which almost filled St Andrew's. We were excited to stage the only choral event in the **4MBS Festival of Classics 2006**, a year which celebrates the 250th anniversary of W. A. Mozart's birth.

The concert was recorded by 4MBS for broadcast at a later date (to be advised - watch this space).

The concert also continued our association with Opera Queensland's Young Artist Program, with soloists Elizabeth McBride, Kylie Bailey, Virgilio Marino and Brett Carter in fine form, performing in large and small works by Mozart.

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### *Recording and Broadcast for* **4MBS Classic FM** 103.7

Although Brisbane Concert Choir is based at St Andrew's Uniting Church, we hardly ever sing hymns as part of our normal repertoire. However we more than made up for this on Sunday 26th March 2006 by rehearsing and performing non-stop hymns from 4 till 6pm. The 4MBS recording team was there to capture the result for **broadcast on Sunday 30th April at 8.15am**, with a repeat at **6.30pm**.

Our thanks to Howard Ainsworth and the recording crew, to Steven Nisbet, organist at St Andrew's for accompanying us and also supplying his original descants to a number of the hymns. A special thanks also to Beatriz Skippen and the members of the Spanish congregation for graciously making the church available to us at very short notice.

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