

04.08.25, Monday Mail

Good morning, all,

CONCERT: MASS APPEAL, SATURDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 3pm, St Andrew's, cnr Creek/Ann Streets, Brisbane

- **We have just 8 (EIGHT) rehearsals left:**
 - Tuesdays August 5, 12, 19, 26, and September 2, 9, 16, 6.30pm, QAH
 - **Dress rehearsal: Friday, September 19, 6.30pm, St Andrew's**
 - **Concert day: Saturday September 20, call time 1.30pm tbc.**
- **MUSIC:** See Barbara for hard copies; link for digital copies [here!](#)
- **PLAYLIST:** Please keep listening and learning!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Usi1KcAc0ro&list=PL9k3Gi3PaDZg50AmYfaU1pAz4LYZQvWeu>

THANK YOU to all who were able to attend Sunday's extra rehearsal, which showed where we need to self-heal!

- And for a reminder of a great afternoon, please see Ian's photo: <https://choirworks.au/singwithus/>
-- with apologies to those who missed out/hid/were looking the wrong way, including Ian, who couldn't get back up the stairs with the camera on self-timer!

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COMMITTEE NEWS: Your committee held its regular monthly meeting straight after yesterday's rehearsal. Matters discussed included:

- Review of the Meditations concert, covering artistic considerations, general organisation, staging, financial results, plus lessons learned
- Preparations for the Mass Appeal concert, such as marketing, ticketing, rehearsals with the organist, programme preparation
- City carol dates in December (for fundraising)
- Plans for the 2026 season, including future concert venues and cancellation of Verdi collaboration
- Possible ideas for the next tour in 2027
- Treasurer's report

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THIS WEEK: Last month the New Zealand Youth Choir won the prestigious title of Choir of the World 2025 at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in Wales with an absolutely stunning performance of three songs. They're all included in the clip here. The first is a truly delicate rendering of *Das ist meine Freude* by Bach and the final one is a contemporary Maori song – but the second is a remarkable performance of The Battle of Jericho by Moses Hogan. It starts here: <https://youtu.be/nGSCJPIAljE?t=352> (but do yourself a favour and listen to the other two in the video as well!). Bliss!

Enjoy the rehearsal!

Janet