

Procedure for Joining the Adelaide Harmony Choir

1. Who can join the Adelaide Harmony Choir

As outlined the Constitution of the Adelaide Harmony Choir Inc.

- “any person who supports the objects of the choir and agrees to be bound by its rules shall be eligible for membership”. (5.1.2)
- “a person who desires to become an ordinary member of the choir may be admitted by the committee upon passing such tests of choral singing abilities as may be required by the director of music and upon payments of a joining fee and the first annual subscription. An ordinary member may be required to undergo subsequent tests to retain membership”. (5.1.3.1)

2. Come and Listen

Prospective members may choose to attend one (only) rehearsal to listen to the choir in rehearsal.

Prospective members are strongly advised to look at the Choir’s website www.adelaideharmonychoir.org.au to gain an understanding of the type of music that is regularly performed by the choir.

Prospective members should also understand that the Objects of the Choir, as outlined in the Constitution, are

- To provide a vehicle for singers to participate in performances of major choral works (3.1)
- To contribute significantly to the arts in South Australia by performing choral concerts of a high standard (3.2)
- To encourage the art and practice of singing, particularly choral singing (3.3)

In addition to regular Tuesday evening rehearsals, possible additional rehearsals and dress rehearsals prior to performance concerts, choristers are also expected to do extra practice at home, learning their parts and the words for music as instructed by the Director of Music. Websites are provided to assist choristers in this work.

Prospective members may also wish to look at the Choir’s facebook page: www.facebook.com/adelaideharmonychoir

Prospective members should contact the Choir Secretary: adelaideharmonychoir.info@gmail.com or phone: 0422 608 709 for further details regarding the audition procedure.

3. Auditions

Prospective members must attend an audition. Membership of the choir will depend on a successful audition.

Auditions are organised as deemed necessary by the Management Committee, and will usually be arranged prior to the start of a rehearsal series, leading to a concert performance.

4. What happens at the audition?

- Auditions last approximately 15 minutes and are friendly and low-key.
- The Director of Music, Choir Accompanist and a member of the Management Committee (other than the Director of Music) will be present at the audition.
- Prospective members may be asked to:
 - provide an outline of their musical background/experience, along with name and contact details (phone contact, email or home address)
 - sing a short piece of their choice to demonstrate musicality, tone and range
 - sing a pitch from triads played on the piano
 - demonstrate capacity to hold a part as requested by the Director of Music
 - sight-read a straight-forward tune presented by the Director of Music
- The Choir Secretary will email (or post) the audition results to prospective members, along with the membership application form, if applicable.
- Audition results are final and may not be contested.

5. Written application

On the confirmation of a successful audition, and as outlined in the Regulation and Standards of the Adelaide Harmony Choir Inc.,

- “Candidates for ordinary membership are required to formally apply by completing the appropriate form or by written application” (2.1)

6. Joining Fee

On the confirmation of a successful audition, and receipt of the written application, prospective members will be required to pay a joining fee and a general membership fee as set at the AGM of the Choir.