BELLINGEN YOUTH ORCHESTRA

PLAYER INFORMATION FOR BYO Proms: The Power of Song!

We are so excited! This year's Proms promises to be a very special musical collaboration, bringing together our young musicians and local community singers, including the *Bowraville Singers* and *Akabella*. It will be to a wonderful celebration of music, collaboration and community!
PLEASE TAKE TIME TO DISCUSS THIS INFORMATION IN YOUR FAMILY. Players are encouraged to speak with their Ensemble Directors at the end of a rehearsal if they have questions or are unclear about any details. This concert will involve a lot of performers and we want everyone to feel confident and well-prepared.

REHEARSAL THURSDAY WK 9, 10th December @ BHS
BYO: 4:00 – 6:30pm - extended rehearsal with choirs. (BYOSS Graduates join after afternoon tea). (BYOSS & BYOWS rehearsal as usual)

CONCERT EVENT INFORMATION: **'BYO PROMS – The Power of Song'**
Date: Saturday 12 December 2026
Performances: A: 2:00pm – 4:00pm and B: 5:30 pm – 7:30pm
Venue: Memorial Hall, Bellingen
Green Room for ALL BYO ENSEMBLES: Memorial Hall Studio.

DROP OFF INFORAMATION – (SEE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR DROP OFF TIMES FOR EACH ENSEMBLE)
All players must be dropped off at the Studio at the rear of the hall (known as the Green Room) – leave instrument cases there then enter hall through side door for rehearsals & concerts – no cases in the Mem Hall.

COLLECTION INFORMATION
ALL players must stay ON SITE (Mem Hall / Studio) from start of rehearsal time until end of concerts - **even during breaks**. (Exceptions only for younger BYOSS/BYOWS players in Performance B who don't play in the 2nd half – they can be signed out by parents at interval of performance B at the Studio door). However, there is seating provided on side of stage in Mem Hall for all younger players who want to stay and watch the 2nd half of performance B.

WHAT TO BRING & WEAR
All players should arrive dressed in black, with skin covered, including black shoes and socks. If you already own a long-sleeved black dress shirt, please wear it as your performance shirt, as we don't have enough BYO shirts to cover all players. Black BYO shirts will be available in the Green Room.

FOOD and HYDRATION
Please bring lunch, snacks and a water bottle to ensure energy and hydration for a BIG rehearsal/performance day. There will be a usual BYO afternoon tea provided in the Green Room but do not rely on this as the player's only source of sustenance for the day. Players should bring cards & games to play in Green Room during breaks.

CANTEEN CONTRIBUTIONS
Thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers, we will be running an interval at both performances. We require contributions of baked goods that could be sold at both intervals. These can be dropped to the canteen outside the Studio (Green Room) when dropping players off for rehearsal.

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REHEARSAL SCHEDULE ON SATURDAY 12th DECEMBER – CONCERT DAY

All players **must arrive 15 minutes** before their item rehearsal please (thus call time). Set up, warmup and be in the hall ready to move onto the stage for rehearsal. NB. These are technical rehearsals for placement, moving and sound balance – ALL players must attend rehearsals.
NOTE: All BYOSS/BYOWS graduates (transitioning into the BYO in 2027) attend all BYO rehearsals on concert day.

START	END	Action	Comments
09:15 for 09:30	10.00	Sinfonia Rehearsal	Palladio, Danish string Quartet
09:45 for 10:00	10.30	BYO Rehearsal (+ Graduates Aladdin only)	Aladdin, The Terminal, Brahms
10.15 for 10:30	11:40	ALL PLAYERS COMBINED Rehearsal: (BYOSS, BYOWS & BYO)	Strings: Hallelujah Hootenany & Vortex ALL: Rites of Tamburo & Harry Potter Winds: Selections from Up & Three Ayres from Gloucester
11.30 for 11:45	12.15	(Bowraville Theatre Singers Rehearsal & Sound Check) ***BYO Short Lunch Break – Studio Green Room*** **BYOSS / BYOWS *Longer Lunch Break – Studio Green Room***	
12.15	1.00	Choirs & BYO Rehearsal (+ Graduates)	Karl Jenkins pieces – Adiemus & Benedictus
1.00	1.30	***ALL Lunch Break – Studio Green Room*** **All students must stay on site at the Mem Hall & Bring own lunch.**	
1.30	1:45	All performers set up & preset in hall (audience doors open 1:30pm)	
2.00	4.00	**Performance A** 1st Half Features: BYO, BYOSS, BYOWS and Bowraville choir. 2nd Half Features: BYO (inc. Graduates) & Sinfonia and both choirs	
4.00	4.45	***Afternoon Tea Break – Studio Green Room.*** **BYO afternoon tea provided.**	
5.00	5:15	All performers set up & preset in hall (audience doors open 5pm)	
5.30	7.30	**Performance B** 1st Half Features: BYO, BYOSS, BYOWS and Bowraville choir. 2nd Half Features: BYO (inc. Graduates) & Sinfonia and both choirs	
7.40		Pack up – Every player and parent helpers to assist!!! It's a huge pack up and we need LOADS of help.	

TICKETS – Both performances are likely to sell out, so ***get tickets early.***
https://events.humanitix.com/byo-proms-the-power-of-song/tickets
OR go to the BYO website events page https://bellingenyouthorchestra.com.au/ and click on the humanitix link there.

Thank you for your support and for helping make these special performances possible! Please reach out, should you have any questions. We will email out any updates as they arise.
Kind regards, Rainee Herron and the BYO team.

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