

Chamber Choir 2003

Performances

15 th June	Winter Choral Concert	St John's Church Adelaide
19 th June	Adelaide Eisteddfod Competitions	Town Hall Adelaide
4 th February	Choral Recital 4	Hudson Room Brighton Secondary
25 th July	Choral Recital 5	Hudson Room Brighton Secondary
30 th July	Beachfront Showcase	Spence Hall Brighton Secondary
4 th August	U18 Chamber Choir Competition	Willoughby Hall Chatswood NSW
9 th September	Public Schools Music Festival	Festival Theatre Adelaide
26 th October	Glenelg Jazz Festival	Beachfront Glenelg
19 th November	Junior School Concert	Gymnasium Brighton Secondary
21 st November	Charities Assembly	Gymnasium Brighton Secondary

In the past few years a 'Chamber Choir' has sometimes been offered as a 3rd performing choral ensemble (The Concert and Treble choirs being the staple) to cater for different groups of students and different situations. For instance:

2001: girls in year 10-12 who wanted an extra choral experience, or were unable to participate in the other two choirs

2002: Year 12 SATB as in this year the Concert Choir excluded year 12's

It so happens in 2003 that we had a gifted and enthusiastic group of year 10 girls, all in the Special Music stream and hence we could offer one lesson per week rehearsal. Thus 14 year 10 girls formed the 2003 Chamber Choir.

One of the features of the Chamber Choir has been a focus on vocal jazz, and this continued in 2003. Another focus has been to compete in the City of

Adelaide Eisteddfods, a competition that had yielded the school much success in the past. This young and fresh ensemble proudly represented the school getting a 2nd and 3rd place in the two small choir divisions of the competitions. In the Open section, which they came 2nd, the winning choir was a young adult community choir with significant more experience and age on their side, so the girls can hold their heads up high.

However the best was yet to come.

With all the girls belonging to the Treble Choir, and going to Sydney for choral competitions, we entered in the Sydney U18 Chamber Choir section and when the announcement was made that we had come first, the girls leaped for joy!

Michael Griffin

Repertoire

His White and Holy Train	Douglas Weiland
Hail! Holy Quene	Ross Edwards
All or Nothin' at All	arr Kirby Shaw
Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy	arr Ed Lojeski
Smoke Gets in your Eyes	arr R Hunter
It Don't Mean a Thing if it ain't Got That Swing	arr Mac Huff
Route 66	arr Kirby Shaw
It Might as Well Be Spring	arr Ed Lojeski

Glenelg Jazz Festival – 26th October 2003

Once again Brighton jazz ensembles were well represented at the Glenelg Jazz Festival with performances by both the Stage Band and the Chamber Choir. This year, admission to the schools' stage was free so performers gained the benefit of larger than usual crowds. Several hundred jazz fans responded enthusiastically to the Stage Band, which played 4 pieces with style and panache.

The Chamber Choir followed the Band. Renamed the *Brighton Vocal Jazz Ensemble* for this event, the choir was one of only 3 school jazz choirs to participate in the festival, and this was the first time a Brighton jazz-focused choir has performed in public. The group of 15 year 10 girls received a terrific ovation, singing 5 songs with real style and energy.