

Brighton Secondary School

South Australia

TREBLE CHOIR REPORTS 2001 – 2002

Conductor and Director: Michael Griffin

2001

52 students from year levels 8, 9 and 10 formed the 2001 Treble Choir. The hard work and dedication to excellence, practised at the twice - weekly lunchtime rehearsals really paid dividends as the choir gave many fine performances throughout the year. In particular, the choir delivered some of its best choral singing in the Adelaide Eisteddfod competition and were awarded 3rd place, no mean feat in a field that included fine community and senior school choirs. Another highlight for the choir was being chosen to be a feature choir for the ANCA workshop with respected international conductor Professor Rodney Eichenberger. Their participation earned the choir praise from many of Adelaide's practising choral conductors.

Once again it was pleasure to conduct a young choir full of enthusiasm and vitality. The students showed excellent teamwork and were great ambassadors for Brighton. They can be very proud of their achievements. Thankyou to the accompanists Mr Hubmayer and Mr Kong, and to Mr Hannaford for guest conducting at a Probus concert in my absence.

Professor Rodney Eichenberger: 23rd – 24th June

A weekend workshop hosted by the Australian National Choral Association (ANCA) and featuring guest conductor Rodney Eichenberger was held over the weekend 23rd-24th June in the Hudson Room. Rodney Eichenberger is Professor of Choral Music based in the United States. He teaches graduate choral conducting and choral techniques. He has lectured and guest conducted extensively throughout the United States. Brighton's Treble Choir was the invited school choir to work with Professor Eichenberger on his visit to Adelaide for this choral workshop. He was impressed with the quality of the Treble Choir, which sang 5 songs from their repertoire to the delegates at the workshop

on the Sunday afternoon. The professor then worked with the choir particularly on choral tone with the theme “what they see is what you get”. Not only was this both musically and educationally valuable but it was also highly entertaining. This was a real treat for our Treble Choir. Thanks to Michael Griffin for making this possible.

Repertoire 2001

All Things Bright and Beautiful	J Rutter
For the Beauty of the Earth	J Rutter
Steal Away	arr B Trant
Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen	arr GM & AP Puddy
Can you Hear Me?	B Chilcott
The Children's Song	M Stacy / T Sexton
You Made me Love You	arr J Althouse
An Eriskay Love Lilt	arr G Arch
Niska Banja	arr N Page
The Little Horses	arr R Wilding – White
Ah! Si mon moine Voulait Danse	D Patriquin
Go Where I send Thee	arr P Caldwell / S Ivory
The Holly and the Ivy	arr J Rutter
Sans Day Carol	arr J Rutter

Performances

3 rd June	Adelaide Sings Concert	Elder Hall, Adelaide University
16 th June	Winter Choral Concert	Maughan Church, Adelaide
19 th June	Adelaide Eisteddfods	Adelaide Town Hall
24 th June	ANCA Conference	Hudson Room, Brighton
6 th September	Probus Concert	Hudson Room, Brighton
24 th October	Annual Music Centre Concert	Adelaide Town Hall
11 November	Sunday Afternoon Concert	Hudson Room, Brighton
20 November	Parndana Town Hall	Kangaroo Island
21 st November	Kingscote Town Hall	Kangaroo Island

6th December

Festival of Lessons and Carols St Peter's Cathedral

2002

The 2002 Treble Choir continued the tradition of excellent and enthusiastic singing by members from the junior school. 48 students from years 8-10 formed this 3 -part choir, singing a challenging and varied treble repertoire. The choir gave some memorable performances and sang in some of Adelaide's best concert halls. One of the highlights was singing in the Adelaide Eisteddfod competition at the Adelaide Town Hall. We always enjoy singing here, the generous acoustic complements choral music beautifully. The students were impressive and were awarded first place in the senior, Open division.

Possibly our best performance of the year was a SIDS fundraiser at the Festival Theatre. This performance was compelling, and the length of ovation from the large audience was testament to this. Once again the students were a pleasure to work with and made great ambassadors for Brighton.

Repertoire 2002

A Clare Benediction	John Rutter
Danny Boy	arr Linda Spivacek
This Little Babe	Benjamin Britten
Balulalow	Benjamin Britten
Lift Thine Eyes	Mendelssohn
Steppin' Out With My baby	arr Kirby Shaw
I Can't Give You Anything But Love	arr Dave Riley and Jay Althouse
Smoke Gets In Your Eyes	arr R Hunter
The Earth Adorned	Waldemar Ahlen
Joshua Fight de Battle ob Jericho	arr Philip Wilkinson
On Broadway	arr Kirby Shaw
Lift The Wings	Bill Whelan

Performances

12 th June	Adelaide Eisteddfod	Adelaide Town Hall
16 th June	Winter Choral Concert	St John's Church, Halifax St
24 th June	School Assembly	Brighton Gymnasium

17 th August	SIDS Gala Concert	Adelaide Festival Theatre
18 th August	Chengdou concert	Adelaide Town Hall
5 th -7 th November	Riverland Tour	Murray Riverland, SA
20 th November	Junior School Concert	Brighton Gymnasium
9 th December	Festival of Lessons and Carols	St Peter's Cathedral North Adelaide

Many of the pieces listed in the repertoire for these years may be downloaded at <http://www.musiceducationworld.com/?q=choralmusicmp3s>.

*Michael Griffin is available for workshops with students and staff:
<http://www.musiceducationworld.com/?q=workshopsforstudents>*