



PETER GIBBONS MEMORIAL SINGING INTERNSHIPS

Auckland Choral is a large auditioned symphonic choir. Its core repertoire is the oratorio, ranging from Baroque to 21st century repertoire. There are normally five major concerts during the year: Handel's 'Messiah' is performed each year in December, with three other major concerts during the year, plus a free/preview concert. In addition the choir may be engaged by other organisations such as the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra and NZ Symphony Orchestra.

The choir is keen to appoint younger singers or young professionals, and is offering up to 8 internships to singers. It is anticipated that such singers might be around university age but the internships are not restricted to this group. Auckland Choral sees the internship recipients as benefitting from networking with other singers, gaining exposure, and developing experience in the oratorio repertoire. Internship awardees will be identified in concert programmes.

Singers need to have good music reading skills, a commitment to choral music, and a voice which blends and contributes to a choir.

Commitment:

- a commitment, ideally, to the position for at least four concerts out of the five main concerts in a year
- attend a minimum of two-thirds of weekly rehearsals for a concert (Wednesday 7.30-9.45pm at Diocesan Junior School)
- attend final orchestral rehearsals and performances (compulsory attendance for all singers)
- provide choral leadership within a voice part, possibly including assisting with sectional rehearsals from time to time
- work alongside the choir's vocal tutor to assist with improving the overall choral sound and blend of voices

The internship offers the following:

- choir singing subscription is waived
- an annual payment of \$1,500 (or appropriate proportion if the period of engagement is shorter than the full year) paid in six-monthly instalments

Small solos may be able to be offered to suitable voices.

Selection of suitable candidates will be at the discretion of the Music Director. Candidates may be appointed for a trial period initially, with confirmation at the discretion of the Music Director.

The choir will issue a contract to selected applicants.

Please complete the application form. Those interested in the internships are also welcome to submit a brief CV covering choral and vocal background.

Further information and the application form are obtainable from choir's Administration Manager Ruth Farrant

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