

THE YARRA VOICES  
presents

# WHEN WE SING

SAT 20 JUNE 3.30PM  
JAMES TATOULIS AUDITORIUM



THE  
YARRA  
VOICES

**CONDUCTORS**

Renée Heron

Peta Rust

**PIANO**

Tim Mallis

**CHOREOGRAPHY**

Marjorie Butcher & Peta Rust

**THE YARRA VOICES TEACHERS**

Tim Mallis, Peta Rust

& Marjorie Butcher

*Cabbe Melemungil Ngarrguni-nganjin Wurundjeri*

*Gulini tartbugeek biik wenerop ngerren nganjin*

Greetings, we acknowledge the Wurundjeri People as the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting.



# PROGRAM

## JUNIORS, MEZZOS & PERFORMING CHOIR

Sing to Me

*music by Andrea Ramsey*

*words by Ella Wheeler Wilcox*

## JUNIOR YARRA VOICES

Sandcastle Underneath the Sea

*words and music by Katherine Ruhle*


Soldier Crabs

*words and music by Josephine Gibson*

## YV KIDS & JUNIORS

Harvey the Human Dog

*words and music by Timothy Sherlock*





## YVKIDS

I See the Moon

*words and music by Douglas Beam*

Shoo Fly

*traditional song*

*adapted by Katherine Ruhle*

## THE (NOT SO) OLD FOGIES

Bring me Little Water Silvy

*Huddie W. Ledbetter (Lead Belly)*


*arranged by Moira Smiley*

## TOUR CHOIR

Bhombela

*traditional Zulu*

*arranged by Will Skaff*





# MEZZO YARRA VOICES

## Skye Boat Song

*Scottish folk song*

*arranged by Lee Kesselman*

## Firebright

*words and music by Kathryn Parrotta*

# PERFORMING CHOIR

## Child with the Starry crayon

*music by Eleanor Daley*

*words by Dinishi Munasinghe*

## Habaneras del Carnval

1. El marinero cojo

*arranged by David Azurza*

## Lineage

*music by Andrea Ramsey*

*words by Margaret Walker*





**MEZZOS YARRA VOICES &  
PERFORMING CHOIR**

Seven Sisters

*words and music by Luke Byrne*

Hot Tin Roof

*words and music by Juliana Kay*

**ALL CHOIRS**

How Can I Keep From Singing

*music by Greg Gilpin*

*Text adapted from Quaker song*





## ABOUT

# The Yarra Voices

The Yarra Voices provides quality music education and choral experiences for children and young adults as well as artistic and musical development through training programs to people of diverse backgrounds and identities.

From our base in North Fitzroy, The Yarra Voices provides joyful music making in an environment designed to forge community-based friendships. Under our artistic director Renee Heron, students will enjoy performance opportunities stemming from an excellent rehearsal and learning environment. Choristers will learn about music in a manner that will develop their music literacy capabilities. Most importantly, it is our hope students leave the program with a love of quality music that will stay with them for life.





## Renee Heron

*Artistic Director – The Yarra Voices*

A dynamic music educator and choral conductor, Renee Heron brings a wealth of experience to The Yarra Voices. She is currently a choral and singing teacher at Camberwell Girls Grammar, runs Choir 3006 at the Melbourne Recital Centre and lectures at the Zelman Cowen School of Music at Monash University.

Renee is one of Melbourne's leading practitioners of the Kodály music education philosophy and in 2016-17 had the privilege of attending Kodály Institute of the Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music in Kecskemét, Hungary. She received an award for excellence in Australian Kodály-inspired Music Education in 2022. Renee recently completed an Honours degree in choral and orchestral conducting at the University of Adelaide under Dr Carl Crossin and Dr Luke Dollman. She also holds a Bachelor of Music from the University of Queensland and a Master of Teaching from the University of Melbourne.

In addition to her work with The Yarra Voices, Renee regularly performs with Melbourne choirs such as Polyphonic Voices, Consort of Melbourne and Divisi Chamber Singers. She is also the artistic director of Alta Collective and has led the ensemble to recognition for its innovative approach to chamber vocal music. Their recording of Juliana Kay's *Earth Shaped Hearts* was nominated for APRA AMCOS 2024 Choral Work of the Year and was also released by ABC Classic on their 2025 Women of Note album.



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