

Timeline for 2011

- 28 Feb - Pizza (6pm on 1st day of Uni)
2nd rehearsal (1st for Freshers)
- 7 Mar - 3rd rehearsal (Coffee)
- 15 Apr - PUCS Camp starts (Fri) at Eagles Nest
- 17 Apr - PUCS Camp ends (Sun)
- 25 Apr - Easter Monday, (study break, 1 week)
- 7 May - Cocktail Party
- 28 May - 1st Concert: St Joseph's Church, Subiaco
- 3 Jun - Exam study break begins
- 11 Jun - Exams begin
- 24 Jun - Exams End
- 24 Jun - PIV Starts (Fri)
- 10 Jul - PIV Ends (Sun)
- 18 Jul - 1st rehearsal of 2nd concert season
- 1 Aug - 2nd semester begins
- 26 Sep - Study break begins (1 week)
- 1 Oct - Annual Dinner
- 15 Oct 2nd Concert: Winthrop Hall

Humour

Conductor: A musician who is adept at following many people at the same time.

Q: What is an alto?

A: A soprano who can sight read.

Q: How do you make a million dollars singing jazz?

A: Start with two million.

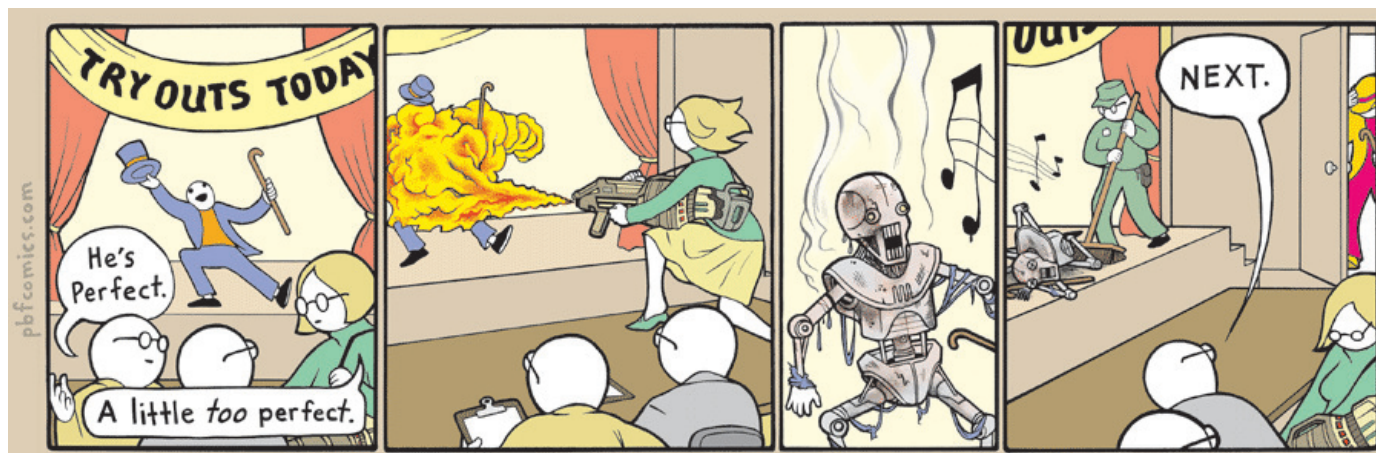


What is PUCS?

The Perth Undergraduate Choral Society (PUCS) is dedicated to encouraging the enjoyment and appreciation of choral singing amongst students from all WA universities and the wider community.

Adhering to high musical standards in all of its concerts, PUCS aims to provide a supportive environment for all singers, regardless of previous training and experience. The choir's repertoire spans many musical styles, such as jazz, blues, traditional African, contemporary Australian, religious, choral rock and contemporary pop.

Many members of PUCS have gone on to pursue their love of singing in professional choirs, solo singing careers, and even as choral conductors. There are no auditions to join so just come along to one of our rehearsals!



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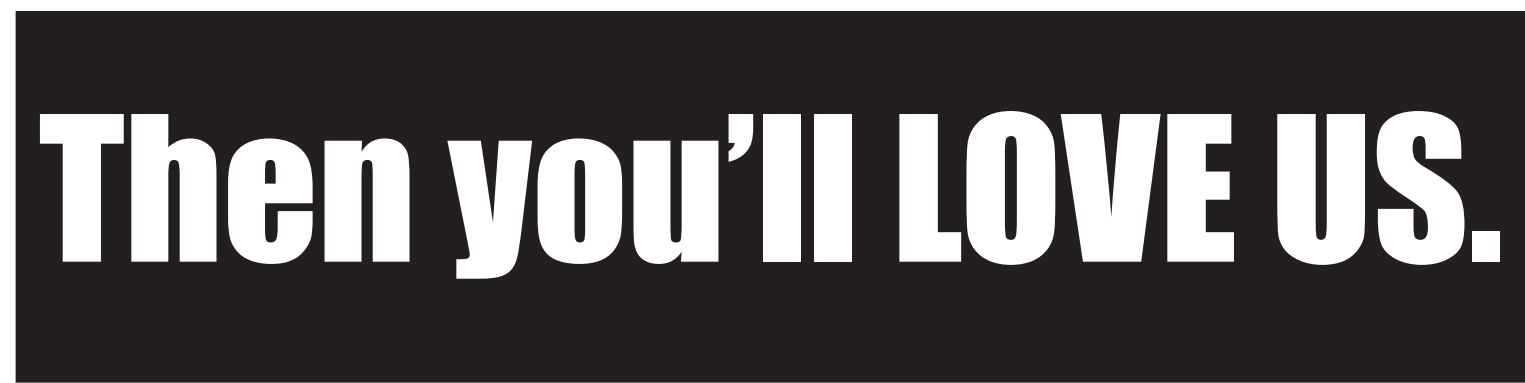
Welcome to PUCS for 2011!

PUCS is the Perth Undergraduate Choral Society and we hope that if you love singing or have ever wanted to give it a crack you'll join us this year.

PUCS has a huge year coming up, with two concerts, camps, heaps of social events and the big one: We're hosting the Australian Intersarsity Choral Festival!

If you're interested in singing and meeting like-minded people, then there has never been a better time to join PUCS.

James, Thomas and Dylan
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FREE PIZZA Monday Feb 28, 6pm, UWA School of Music lawn

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El Presidente (The Dear Leader) speaks

Welcome to the 51st year of the Perth Undergraduate Choral Society, aka PUCS! Although it will be difficult to top such an epic 50th anniversary year, we will definitely try! 2010 saw us take a musical journey to Africa, explore sacred and secular music with the Royal Agricultural Society of WA Brass and top off the year with our own version of Carols from Kings!

We have a jam-packed 2011 planned and we welcome back conductor Jonathon Paxman and accompanist Sarah Mills Menogue to lead us in another fantastic year of choral music. We hope you'll join us! This year PUCS is looking forward to two major concerts, two camps, a karaoke night, a cocktail party, a formal dinner and of course the Intersarsity Choral Festival (PIV)! During PIV we will welcome like-minded choristers from around Australia. Check out www.piv.aicsa.org.au for more details.

PUCS is a choir without auditions and you don't have to be an accomplished sight reader! If you've sung in a school or community choir or enjoy singing in the shower or the car, then there's a place for you in PUCS. Come along and check us out - we rehearse on Monday evenings from 7 - 9pm in the Tunley Lecture Theatre (G5), which is named after our founder, Emeritus Professor David Tunley.

See you at rehearsal!

Cassie Houghton

President | president@pucs.org.au

Perth Undergraduate Choral Society Inc.



PUCS needs YOU. Fresher Rep wanted!

The fresher rep sits on the PUCS committee and represents everyone who is singing with PUCS for the first time. If you think this is something you can do, email Cassie at president@pucs.org.au



Perth Intersarsity Choral Festival

Every year about 200 choristers from university choirs all around Australia descend on one of the capital cities for a fortnight of fun, frivolity and full-on music making, known as the Intersarsity Choral Festival and this year it's in Perth!

Perth Intersarsity Choral Festival (or PIV for short) is the major event of the PUCS calendar this year. It runs for two action-packed weeks from the 24th of June to the 10th of July. Each week culminates in an epic concert featuring Australian premieres of the Tchaikovsky *Vespers* and the Desenclos *Requiem* as well as Vaughan Williams' *Mass in G Minor* and 20th Century French works, all under the direction of Dr Richard Swann.

But the concerts are just the tip of the iceberg. It all starts with five days of rehearsal camp where, along with rehearsals, you'll enjoy an opening night party, film night, revue night and other assorted revelry such as the Presidents' PJs and Market Day. You'll only find out what they are if you come to PIV! All this is topped off with the social highlight of the Festival, the black tie Academic Dinner in the second week.

For more information about the festival or to register, go to www.piv.aicsa.org.au

A word from the Conductor

Dear PUCSters,

Welcome to another year packed full of fantastic music making. First semester begins with rehearsals for a concert of amazing songs from across the Americas. The concert features Ariel Ramirez' sublime *Misa Criolla*, plus songs by Eric Whitacre, Morten Lauridsen and Billy Joel. We will be joined for this event by "Los Chasquis", a Perth based Chilean band, playing traditional Andean instruments.

Between semesters, PUCS is hosting the Intersarsity Choral Festival, which will feature two weeks of intense music making with singers from universities around Australia, and culminating in two fabulous concerts.

In semester two, PUCS will present a major choral orchestral concert with professional vocal soloists. Details of this event will be revealed during first semester.

To anyone thinking about joining PUCS:

We welcome singers of all standards, from beginners to professional musicians. We share a love of singing, and a commitment to making music of a high standard. PUCS is a fun, sociable and creative choir. We probably have the most diverse repertoire of any choir in Perth - ranging from Renaissance, Baroque and Classical music, to popular Christmas carols, African songs and jazz.

Best wishes for another year of brilliant music,

Jonathan Paxman

Conductor / Musical Director | conductor@pucs.org.au



So which voice part are you?



Girls: If you are new to singing, try the SOPRANO section. The FIRST SOPRANO section usually sings the tune so this part may be easier to pick up. If first soprano is too high for you then try singing SECOND SOPRANO or ALTO at the next rehearsal.

Altos sing lower than sopranos but they usually sing in harmony (not the tune) so it is a little trickier to pick up.

Guys: If you are new to singing, try the BASS section. The FIRST BASS section is a good place to start. If first bass is too high for you then try the SECOND BASS section at the next rehearsal. If bass is too low for you altogether then next rehearsal try the TENOR section.

Choirs always seem to have a shortage of tenors, so if you think you can sing tenor please give it a go. The choir (and conductor) will love you for it!

