



**The Melbourne Welsh Male Choir  
Presents Singer of the Year 2023**

Singers, 35 years and under, are invited to participate in this annual competition, which is sponsored by one of Australia's leading male choirs.

The competition enables finalists to enhance their performing skills in a concert environment.

**Heats will be held at Federation Estate Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood (Melway 49 H10) on Friday evening 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

Three finalists will be chosen to perform in the concert with the Melbourne Welsh Male Choir a week later on Saturday afternoon 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The Winner of the Singer of the Year 2023 will be announced at the end of the concert.

**Prizes**

Singer of the Year: \$5,000  
Other finalists each \$1,000

**Entries Close: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

*Please note no entry fee required.*

NB: See Page 2 for Guidelines and Conditions of Entry

Acknowledgement of receipt of entry, and details of Heat time will be confirmed by email.

Copies of the Entry Form also available from the Choir website

[www.melbournwelshchoir.com.au](http://www.melbournwelshchoir.com.au)

Convenor: Alan Stevenson 0403 271 468 [astevo3@gmail.com](mailto:astevo3@gmail.com)

## Guidelines & Conditions of Entry

1. The **Singer of the Year 2023** competition is managed and organised by the Melbourne Welsh Male Choir Inc. PO Box 586, Heathmont, 3135. Further information can be obtained from the convenor of the competition Alan Stevenson 0403 271 468 or email at [astevo3@gmail.com](mailto:astevo3@gmail.com)
2. The objective of the competition is to allow singers to have their abilities evaluated in a competitive environment and to enable the finalists to enhance their performance capabilities in a concert environment.
3. Age Limit: 35 years and under at 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Previous winners are ineligible. Previous non-winning finalists are encouraged to enter.
4. Contestants will take part in a Preliminary Heat at Federation Estate, 32 Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood on Friday evening 15<sup>th</sup> September.
5. Contestants will be required to prepare three songs of a contrasting nature, for a maximum total duration of 15 minutes, as follows: **2 Arias from Grand Opera and 1 Art song or lieder**. At the heat contestants will first sing an aria of their own choice and then will be asked to sing any of the other listed pieces.
6. **Three** finalists will be chosen to perform two items - the Adjudicator[s] will choose two [2] songs from your above program to sing at the **Melbourne Welsh Male Choir Singer of the Year Concert** on Saturday afternoon 23<sup>rd</sup> September.
7. **Changes to song choices will not be accepted after the closing date, or at the heat.**
8. The adjudicator for the 2023 heats will be David Ashton-Smith. An official accompanist will be made available. Contestants may use their own accompanist.
9. Contestants are free to choose their own programme. Original scores are preferable. Two copies of the music must be available at the heats. Music supplied to the accompanist must be of good clear quality and if a photocopy, it must be taped together and able to stand freely, or in a plastic sleeved folder that will allow easy turning and reading. A photocopy for the adjudicator is permitted but photocopies for the adjudicator should be attached together and the appropriate titles clearly displayed. The Melbourne Welsh Male Choir Inc. will accept no responsibility for participants who infringe Copyright law.
10. Entries on the official form must be received no later than **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September**. The entry form is a Word document and can be filled in on your computer, saved, and returned by email. No entry fee is required.
11. A photo and short biography, i.e. a paragraph for inclusion in the programme, together with your choice of 4 songs, **must be submitted with the entry**. The entry will not be accepted and/or processed until a photo, biography, and song list are received.
12. Provide photo as a JPEG, PNG or TIFF. *Please **don't** include it as part of your biography in a Word file.*
13. **Applications will be acknowledged on receipt. Entrants will be notified of heat details and times after the closing date (8<sup>th</sup> September)**
14. The decision of the adjudicator[s] will be final. The Melbourne Welsh Male Choir Inc. will accept no correspondence concerning the adjudicator's decision. Detailed written critiques will be sent to each contestant. They will not be available at the heat. The 3 finalists will be notified at the conclusion of the heats on Friday evening 15<sup>th</sup> September..
16. The Melbourne Welsh Male Choir Inc. reserves the right to vary selection and award conditions and any rules at its own discretion. Winners will be required to acknowledge the prize in any publicity material prepared by or for them for a period of 12 months after the contest.
17. The winner will be invited to perform with the Melbourne Welsh Make Choir as guest artist in one or more of the choir's concert programs.
18. The organisers reserve the right to radio and television broadcasting as well as the right to record, video and photograph all performers without charge.

## Melbourne Welsh Male Choir Singer of the Year 2023 Application Form

I wish to enter the Melbourne Welsh Male Choir Singer of the Year, 2023. I have read the rules enclosed with this form and agree to abide by them.

Name	<input type="text"/>		
Street Address	<input type="text"/>		
Suburb	<input type="text"/>	Post code	<input type="text"/>
Tel: <i>Pref mobile</i>	<input type="text"/>	Require accompanist? Y/N	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth:	<input type="text"/>	Voice type (Sop/Tenor etc.)	<input type="text"/>
Email address:	<input type="text"/>		

*(Please ensure this is clear and easy to read, and **current**)*

Entries, including Photo, Bio and Song details should be emailed to:

[astevo3@gmail.com](mailto:astevo3@gmail.com) to be received no later than Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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### Song Programme

*To be included with entry - entry will not be accepted or processed without song details*

	Title	From	Composer/arranger	Duration
1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Contestants to sing aria of their own choice and then will be asked to sing any of the other listed pieces.  
The adjudicator may choose to hear all of your songs.

The Adjudicator will choose two [2] songs from your above program for the finalists to sing at the Final concert on Saturday afternoon 23<sup>rd</sup> September.