



australian girls choir

Founded in 1984 by Judith Curphey OAM, the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) has developed a reputation for inspirational performances to audiences in Australia and around the world.

From a group of just 150 junior girls rehearsing in the Melbourne suburb of Burwood with Judith as the sole conductor, the AGC has blossomed to 3,900 girls currently in training in Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney, and the organisation has become a much loved Australian cultural icon.

The angelic voices of the AGC have been heard at many hundreds of public performances around Australia and the world including singing for Nelson Mandela at World Reconciliation Day Celebrations, Oprah Winfrey's Australian shows, the Boy from Oz Tour with Hugh Jackman, Andre Rieu Australian Tour, Celtic Woman Australian Tour, Melbourne Cup and Carols by Candlelight. Most recently, the AGC were thrilled to perform for Queen Elizabeth II and President Barack Obama at the official functions held at Parliament House in Canberra.

Further afield, the AGC has toured on 28 occasions with their voices reaching almost every corner of the globe. An audience with Pope Benedict XVI, performance for the King of Tonga, UNICEF benefit concert at the Hanoi Opera House and the Shanghai World Expo are just a few of their international accomplishments.

In addition to live performances, the AGC are in regular demand for recording projects which have included the Myer *Spirit of Christmas* CD, ARIA Award nominated album *Australia's Christmas Spirit*, Channel 7 Olympic Theme Song and the hit single *Courageous* with Melinda Schneider.

A true recognition of the choir's success is its selection by Qantas to represent the 'Spirit of Australia' in the hugely successful 'I Still Call Australia Home' advertising campaigns, which have captured the hearts of the nation. Many thousands of choristers have been involved in the filming of the advertisements in exotic locations around the world and in hundreds of high profile performances for Qantas since 1998.

While senior choristers dazzle the world with their exciting performances, the journey begins in the junior training levels where any girl with a love of the performing arts can take part in the AGC's fun and dynamic classes in the training levels. The founding philosophy behind this magical institution is that any child can sing with encouragement and training.

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