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Front cover: Danijela Zebic, the 2008 face of Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight®.

Christmas Eve would have to be the most magical night on the Australian calendar. Friends reunite, families gather together and children all over the nation bubble with excitement in anticipation of a visit from Santa.

At the centre of all this activity is Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight® – an iconic celebration that grew from very humble beginnings in 1938. Back then, 10,000 people gathered at midnight in Alexandra Gardens to sing with a 30-strong choir, two soloists and the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Band.

Thousands of candlelights dotting the summer night and a community joining as one in song instantly struck a chord with Melburnians, and a Christmas tradition was born.

The candles have burned on Christmas Eve through war and peace, prosperity and hardship. While times change, the spirit of the event remains untouched. In 2008, the appeal of sharing a night of stars and song with family, friends and some of the nation's finest performers is as strong as ever.

Today every Australian has the chance to join in this unique celebration of community. Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight is now one of the most watched TV programs of the Christmas season and will be enjoyed by millions of people through the live television and radio telecasts.

No matter how you experience the event this Christmas Eve – be it live at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl, in your own home or on the way to join loved ones in another part of the country – have a fabulous night.

Q. What's ET short for?  
A. Because he's only got little legs.

Q. What do you call just married spiders?  
A. Newly-webs.

Q. What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?  
A. Tinsilitis!

Q. What athlete is warmest in winter?  
A. A long jumper.

Q. How do monkeys make toast?  
A. Stick some bread under the gorilla.

Q. Why did the golfer wear an extra pair of trousers?  
A. In case he got a hole in one.

Q. What's orange and sounds like a parrot?  
A. A carrot.

Q. What did the fish say when it swam into a wall?  
A. Dam!

Q. What's black and white and red all over?  
A. The Herald Sun.

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# A Christmas message

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Gerard Menses Dr Kevin Murfitt  
Chief Executive Chair  
Officer

It is with great pride that we once again present Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight®, an event that is now synonymous with Christmas Eve.

At Vision Australia all our actions are driven by one figure – 600,000, the number of Australians expected to be blind or have low vision by 2020.

By taking part in this event you're helping us to enable young people who are blind or have low vision to increase their choices in life. With our support, parents are better equipped to teach their child how to master daily living tasks such as eating and dressing.

There are some 4,700 children under 14 in Australia who are blind or have low vision, 71% of whom have additional disabilities. Vision Australia is now expressing its commitment to these children by expanding its preschool services, including literacy skills training and therapeutic services such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy as well as orientation and mobility support.

Our work does not stop here. When a child reaches school, we work with teachers to ensure they have the skills and equipment needed to learn alongside their sighted peers. We also provide peer group and independent living support that assists young people to live the lives they choose.

As we near the end of a challenging year, Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight embodies the hope we all hold for a brighter future. We are expecting another spectacular night, thanks to the efforts of our presenting partner Myer. They join the Nine Network, who has done a magnificent job of producing the show for three decades, as well as our friends at 3AW, Magic 693 and The Herald Sun.

On behalf of Vision Australia, we'd like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.



# Danijela feels the song to sing along...



The early years of a child's life are crucial to their development, providing the foundations for later life.

For a child who is blind and cannot learn by observation, attaining everyday skills such as learning to walk or feed themselves can be difficult.

Vision Australia works closely with families across Australia to enable children who are blind or have low vision to reach their full potential. With our support and training, parents are better able to teach their child how to conquer these daily challenges.

We introduce preschoolers to the magic of books and braille, smooth their path through school, facilitate integration and socialisation, and prepare teens to make the step into adulthood.

Seven-year-old Danijela is like most girls her age. She loves singing along to Rihanna and Hannah Montana CDs, playing with her friends and reading.

The only difference is that because Danijela can't see, she uses other senses to experience these everyday things.

Thanks to Vision Australia's children's services Danijela is growing in confidence daily, but she is quick to remind others that she sometimes needs extra information about her surrounds in order to form pictures in her mind.

"I ask lots of questions because I like to know what's going on around me. Sometimes people forget I can't see."

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Initially, Vision Australia therapists assess the degree to which blindness or low vision is affecting each child's development. Recommendations are then provided to tailor programs to individual needs.

Vision Australia staff offer parents advice on helping their child to learn to move about safely and independently and developing early literacy and daily living skills such as dressing themselves and eating with cutlery. We also offer broader services including counselling, recreation and holiday programs.

Because everyone's journey is different, Vision Australia tailors services to suit the individual – be it someone who loses their sight late in life or a child like Danijela who was born blind.

It's one of many ways that Vision Australia is enabling people who are blind or have low vision to live the lives they choose!

With your help, Vision Australia can continue to provide this vital support free of charge to thousands of people in Australia who are blind or have low vision.



Danijela can access a world of information through her digital playback device.



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A message from our ambassador

*David Campbell*

Being a huge fan of Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight®, I was blown away to be asked to be the event's ambassador for the second time.

There are shows (I've done hundreds!) and then there are those special events not to be missed like Christmas Eve in the Sidney Myer Music Bowl. Believe me, there's nothing quite like looking out over a park blanketed with twinkling lights and hearing thousands of people sing their hearts out in unison. The whole experience reminds you that we're all connected, all part of the same big family, which is really what Christmas is all about.

It's fabulous to be in the thick of it at the Bowl, but even if you're at home watching the show on Channel Nine or listening to a radio broadcast, you can still experience the magic.

As a kid I spent many Christmas Eves singing along in front of the TV – it was always loads of fun.

Being the Ambassador for Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight is a fantastic way to cap off an eventful year for me. For me – and millions of other Australians, I'm sure – Christmas Eve is a time to celebrate all the good things in life, reflect on what's passed and look to the future.

And of course, the future lies with the little ones who get such a buzz out of Christmas. It gives me great satisfaction to be associated with Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight, knowing that the event raises awareness and funds for children who are blind or have low vision. By supporting this event you're enabling more kids to enjoy life to the full.

On behalf of my fellow performers, I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a peaceful new year. But first to Christmas Eve – warm up your tonsils, it's going to be a big night!



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Bernie Brookes

# Merry Christmas

from Myer

For Melburnians, Christmas is not the same without Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight®. At Myer, we feel exactly the same.

Packing your picnic basket and your rug and heading to the Sidney Myer Music Bowl with your family, friends and, of course, a number of candles, reminds us what is really important in our busy lives.

Singing carols and watching the telecast while raising money for Vision Australia is all part of counting down the hours until Santa's arrival.

Myer is proud and delighted with our continued involvement as presenting partner of this special community event.

For more than 140 years, Vision Australia has done an outstanding job in helping those in our community who are blind or have low vision.

This year's Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight is more important than ever in encouraging the spread of joy and goodwill.

On behalf of everyone at Myer, we wish you a happy and safe Christmas.

Bernie Brookes  
CEO Myer





Jeffrey Browne

Channel Nine is immensely proud to be again associated with Vision Australia's Carols By Candlelight®, a cherished Christmas tradition.

It's the night Australia comes together to embrace the spirit of Christmas, at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl and at home watching on the Nine Network.

I have always enjoyed gathering around the TV for Carols with my own family and it's a tradition we, and our friends, continue.

It's also exciting this year to have Today presenters Karl Stefanovic and Lisa Wilkinson as co-hosts — two of our most talented presenters. A big Merry Christmas to Lisa, Karl and their families.

We also welcome the opportunity to acknowledge and support the wonderful work of Vision Australia.

I also congratulate Myer as presenting partner of this event and extend the best wishes of the Nine Network to Bernie Brookes and to Vision Australia's CEO Gerard Menses and their hard-working teams.

On behalf of the entire Nine Network family, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Jeffrey Browne  
Executive Director Nine Network  
and Managing Director GTV 9



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# The stars of Carols

Together, Karl and Lisa host Today, The Nine Network's morning news and current affairs program.

In his 14 years as a journalist, Karl has covered some of Australia's leading stories, including the 2003 Canberra bushfires and the Bali bombings. Originally from Queensland, Karl now lives in Sydney with his wife Cassandra and their three children, who are delighted to join him in Melbourne this Christmas Eve for Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight®.

"My family watch the show every year on TV, so they can't wait to see the real thing. To host Carols is a great honour and I'm looking forward to being part of such an amazing show which raises money for such a deserving charity."

Lisa is one of Australia's most respected journalists having worked in print, television and radio. Her relaxed and informative presentation style has won her a legion of fans. She is equally thrilled to be presenting this special event.

"Christmas Eve is such a magical night and Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight has been a tradition in our house ever since I can remember. We're absolutely thrilled to be a part of it this year."

John is one of the most respected musical directors in the country. With impressive credentials, he has been appearing on Australian television screens for close to two decades.

John took over the reins of musical director for Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight in 2003. In 2005 he released his book John Foreman – Your Guide to Unlocking the Australian Music Industry. John has also hosted his own music variety show, The Big Night In With John Foreman.

John is the ambassador for Music. Count Us In, an initiative of the Australian Music Council to encourage and support the importance of music education in our schools and among Australia's youth.



**Karl Stefanovic  
& Lisa Wilkinson**



**John Foreman**



**David Campbell**

Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight® Ambassador David is one of the nation's most versatile entertainers. He has featured on television programs, starred in musical theatre, devised his own cabaret shows in New York, recorded two Top 10 albums and sold out a concert tour from coast to coast.

David's latest album, *Good Lovin'*, has that up-tempo, positive sense of unlimited possibilities that typified the 1960s. It was the era of the space race, free love, James Bond and blue-eyed soul.

Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight is thrilled to welcome David back to the stage.



**Jimmy Barnes**

Jimmy has tasted glory as Australia's favourite rock 'n' roll singer for more than three decades. In the '70s and '80s he was the wildest, loudest and most popular rock star in the country. In the 1990s Jimmy reached mega-stardom with back-to-back number one soul and rock albums.

Early in 2007, Jimmy underwent open-heart surgery to repair a congenital heart defect. The recovery from the surgery necessitated several months of bed rest.

It was during this time that Jimmy began writing his latest album, *Out In the Blue*, which has since put him back at the top of his game. Vision Australia is honoured to welcome Jimmy Barnes to perform this Christmas Eve.



**Anthony Callea**

At only 26 years of age, Aria Award-winning Anthony has cemented his name as one of Australia's favourite singers. With his debut single *The Prayer* being Australia's fastest and highest-selling single of all time he has proven to be one of this country's most successful recording artists. Anthony followed this up with a number one album and a Top 10 album along with a string of hits.

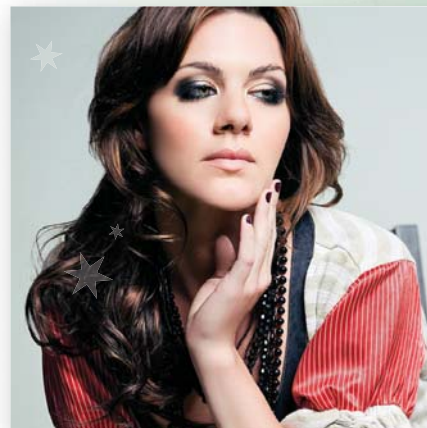
In September 2007, Anthony appeared in his first musical production at Sydney's State Theatre. He is currently performing in the hit Broadway musical *Wicked* and is working on his third album through SonyBMG.

Vision Australia is extremely pleased to welcome this amazing talent back for his fifth appearance at the event.



Vanessa is back with a new look, a new sound and a Top 5 gold album, *Somewhere in the Real World*. Displaying her lyrical maturity and amazing musicianship, the album is home to Top 5 platinum single *Perfect*, *Kiss Ya Mama* and her latest single, *The Simple Things (Something Emotional)*.

Vanessa reached almost unheard of success as a 15-year-old when her debut single *Have a Look* went gold after only seven weeks in the ARIA charts. This achievement was followed by mega-hits in Australia and Europe with *Absolutely Everybody*, *Shine*, and her album *The Power* reached number one in Australia.



**Vanessa  
Amorosi**

Marina is regarded as Australia's leading lady of musical theatre and has performed with international stars, including Richard Harris and José Carreras.

She has played the lead role in more than 20 productions, including *The Phantom Of The Opera*, *The Pirates Of Penzance*, *West Side Story*, *Les Misérables* and most recently *The Hypocrite* for the Melbourne Theatre Company.

Over the years Marina has won numerous awards, including an Advance Australia Award and induction into Australia's 100 Entertainers of the Century.

Early next year, Marina will recreate her role of Miss Adelaide in *Guys And Dolls* in Sydney.



**Marina Prior**

Silvie has established herself as one of Australia's most versatile and talented entertainers, performing throughout Australia, Asia and in London's West End.

Her performances include the roles of Eponine and Fantine in *Les Misérables*, Grizabella in *Cats*, Ellen in *Miss Saigon*, Jeannie in *Hair*, Donna in *Mamma Mia!* and the role of Rita in the world premiere of *Sideshow Alley* – for which she was nominated for a Helpmann Award.

Last Christmas, Silvie released a compilation album, *Silvie Paladino – Christmas List*, and earlier this year she was invited to Beijing during the Olympics to perform for international guests.



**Sylvie Paladino**



**Denis Walter**

A long-time supporter of Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight®, Denis Walter joins us again in 2008, having established himself as a firm favourite with the Carols audience. This year has seen some dramatic changes in Denis's career with the move to 3AW afternoons and a return to Nine News.

The coming year will see Denis release his second Christmas album, helping raise money for the Austin Hospital. We warmly welcome Denis back for his twenty-third appearance.



**Wicked**

Now in their sixth month at Melbourne's Regent Theatre, Wicked follows the tale of two girls who meet in the Land of Oz: one smart, fiery and misunderstood and the other beautiful and popular. How they become the Wicked Witch of the West (Amanda Harrison) and Glinda the Good Witch (Lucy Durack) makes Wicked the spellbinding and astonishing musical that it is.

Along with Bert Newton (The Wizard), Stuart Fisher (Boq), Penny McNamee (Nessarose), Maggie Kirkpatrick (Madame Morrible), Rob Mills (The Prince), Rodney Dobson (Doctor Dillamond) and the ensemble, they're thrilled to be performing at Carols.



**Georgie Parker**

With two Gold Logies and five Silver Logies to her name, Georgie Parker is one of Australia's most celebrated actors.

Since leaving All Saints she has starred in a number of live theatre shows and television productions, including tele-movie The Society Murders, for which she received critical acclaim, Emerald Falls and Scorched on the Nine Network.

Georgie continues to work as a regular presenter on Play School and last month she released her first children's album, Here Comes The Sun.

We warmly welcome Georgie to perform at Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight.





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**Jay Laga'aia**

Jay's film credits include Nim's Island, Never Say Die and Star Wars Episodes II and III. He has starred in musical theatre productions such as The Lion King, Jesus Christ Superstar and television series such as McLeod's Daughters, Water Rats and Xena Warrior Princess.

In addition to his acting, Jay wrote and recorded a children's album, Come Dance and Sing, in 2007. That same year his show, Jay's Place, won the Sydney Theatre Award for Best Production for Children.

The much-loved Play School presenter and father of seven has just filmed Legend Of The Seeker and is also starring in the upcoming series of Bed of Roses for ABC TV.



**Gorgi Quill**

Gorgi is the Melbourne reporter for the Today Show on the Nine Network, a presenter and host on Holidays for Sale and the Victorian travel show Postcards.

Gorgi is a professional and well established singer, performing on Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight® in 2007 and 2006. She has a background in musical theatre, starring in the original Australian cast for the smash hit Queen / Ben Elton musical 'We Will Rock You' and the musical 'Carousel' with David Campbell.

Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight is excited to welcome back Gorgi to perform alongside Lorin Nicholson.



**Lorin Nicholson**

In the past five years gifted Australian guitarist Lorin has presented more than 2000 concerts across Australia and America to an estimated audience of half a million people.

In January 2005 he was named an instrumental of the year finalist in the Country Music Awards of Australia. What makes Lorin's achievements so much more remarkable is the fact he has been legally blind since birth.

Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight is very pleased to welcome Lorin back to perform his own arrangement of Once in Royal David's City.



We warmly welcome The McClymonts – Brooke, Samantha and Mollie – to perform at Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight® for the second year running.

Earlier in 2008 the three sisters from Grafton released their debut album, Chaos and Bright Lights. Their hit Save Yourself saw them win a second Group of the Year Golden Guitar Award in Tamworth 2008 and an ARIA nomination. The past year has seen the sisters extensively tour Australia and they continue to wow audiences with their magical voices, heartfelt lyrics and unforgettable melodies.



**The  
McClymonts**

Ian was bitten by the acting bug when working as an extra on The Godfather: Part III in Rome in 1990. He has since developed a reputation as one of our most diverse actors.

His TV credits includes Stingers and has just completed the third series of Sea Patrol on The Nine Network in the lead role of Mike Flynn. Ian has starred in many musicals and his performances in Oklahoma! and They're Playing Our Song both won him Green Room Awards. He hits the stage again with Lisa McCune in Guys and Dolls, opening in Sydney in March.



**Ian Stenlake**

Katie Noonan has the kind of voice grown men weep for; a voice that comes from her heart rather than her lungs. She has topped the pop and jazz charts, blown away opera fanatics and performed alongside countless luminaries. She is also an incredible songwriter, producer and keyboardist.

Katie's new album, Blackbird: the music of Lennon and McCartney, combines her two major musical loves – pop and jazz. Recorded in New York, it features the work of the eminent saxophonist Joe Lovano. We are very excited to welcome Katie to perform at Carols.



**Katie Noonan**

The voice of Melbourne.

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WOMAN TURN! TURN! TURN! **BEST** OF MY LOVE YOU'RE SO VAIN THEN  
HE KISSED ME BABY DON'T GET HOOKED ON ME RIVERS OF BABYLON  
THE NIGHT HAS A THOUSAND EYES I WRITE THE **SONGS** THAT'LL BE THE  
DAY PLEASE MR POSTMAN YOU'RE MY WORLD THE TWELFTH OF NEVER  
THE SOUND **OF** SILENCE ONE LAST KISS HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THE RAIN  
THE LEGEND OF XANADU RUNAWAY RUNAROUND SUE I SAY A LITTLE  
PRAYER CHAPEL OF LOVE UNDER THE BOARDWALK **ALL** MY LOVING YOU  
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Michael is known to Australian and international audiences as a consummate singer and actor. He recently returned to Australia after spending eight years working in London. He has played lead roles in The Phantom of the Opera, Calamity Jane, Romeo & Juliet, Chess, Evita, End of the Rainbow and The Woman in White.

Michael is still remembered at home for his award-winning portrayal of the title role in Beauty And The Beast. He is currently appearing in The Rocky Horror Show in Melbourne.



**Michael Cormick**

After eight years and almost a thousand gigs, Mahalia has released her debut album, Mahalia Barnes + The Soul Mates Volume 1.

The eldest daughter of singer Jimmy Barnes, the supremely talented Mahalia has been obsessed with soul music since her teens and appears set to keep the family name at the forefront of the Australian entertainment scene.



**Mahalia Barnes**

One of Australian television's nice guys, Tim joined the Nine Network in April as host of Million Dollar Wheel of Fortune. He now hosts Nine's hit show Celebrity Singing Bee.

Tim is a natural all-round entertainer. He has been an actor in film and television for more than 10 years, but is best known to Australian audiences as Dan Baker from Home And Away and as a runner-up on Dancing With The Stars. Most recently, Tim played to standing ovations in the lead role of Johnny O'Keefe in the hit musical SHOUT!



**Tim Campbell**



## AGC

One of the nation's most dynamic performing arts groups, the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) has 3,500 members who are trained in singing, dance and drama. Senior choristers delight audiences with their voices and dance routines, while junior choristers learn performing arts skills in a creative and fun environment.

The AGC has performed with Hugh Jackman, John Farnham, Delta Goodrem, Olivia Newton-John, Troy Cassar-Daley and Marina Prior, and have wowed theatre audiences with their appearance in *The Boy from Oz*.



## Billy Elliot

*Billy Elliot The Musical* is the heart-warming tale of a young boy with a dream. Set against the British miners' strike of the 1980s, the story follows Billy's journey as a boy in a small mining town who realises his future is on-stage dancing.

*Billy Elliot* opens at Melbourne's Her Majesty's Theatre on New Year's Eve. Three of the young stars who share the title role in this award-winning musical – Josh Denyer, Rhys Kosakowski and Josh Waiss-Gates – are thrilled to be performing at Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight®.



## Hi-5

Hi-5 is cutting edge entertainment for today's children. With its dynamic performers, catchy songs, child-friendly dance moves and colourful imagery, Hi-5 invites children to share an exciting and magical journey of imagination and learning.

Household names and multi award-winners, the Hi-5 gang, Stevie, Casey, Sun, Nathan and Kellie, work together to inspire each child to develop his or her own potential and to take a joyous and active part in life.



Founded in 1964, the National Boys Choir of Australia is one of Australia's finest treble choirs, regularly performing with The Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Opera Australia and The Victorian Opera.

The choir has entertained crowds at many large events, including the Sydney Olympics, Melbourne Commonwealth Games, the Grand Prix and the Bledisloe Cup. They also feature on the highly acclaimed Qantas commercials.



Veteran television and film character actor Terry Gill still describes Vision Australia's Carols By Candlelight® as the best gig of the year. With his wife Carole Ann, Terry writes, directs and performs at their Tivoli Theatre Restaurant in Malvern. They produce a rock 'n' roll musical and comedy show, variety shows for pensioner groups and four Children's Theatre seasons a year.

This is Terry's 21st year appearing as Santa's helper at Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight, and we thank him for his magical performances.

This year Humphrey celebrates 43 years on television, having entertained generations of Australians. In 2008 he continues to captivate and enthrall children of all ages throughout Australia.

Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight is one of the highlights of Humphrey's year and he is delighted to celebrate the magic of Christmas with his young friends on this very special night.

The Melbourne Gospel Choir deserves its reputation as one of Australia's favourite musical acts. The choir has made many regular television appearances, working with artists as diverse as Kenny Rogers, Reba McIntyre, Michael Bolton, and Vanessa Amorosi.

After just releasing *For the Children* in October, an album to help raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital, they perform again this year for Vision Australia with that same charitable and joyful spirit.

Celebrating his 21st year with Carols, Douglas Heywood, the Musical Director of the Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight choir believes that this annual event provides an important gift to millions of Australians – the gift of time to reflect upon the joy of Christmas. As the choir sings Handel's famous Hallelujah Chorus, the Christmas message can be heard echoing around the city of Melbourne and beyond.



Terry Gill



Humphrey



The Melbourne Gospel Choir



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# Angels We Have Heard On High

Traditional. Public Domain.

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains

Glor-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-oria  
In excelsis deo  
Glor-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-oria  
In excelsis deo

Shepherds why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Glor-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-oria  
In excelsis deo  
Glor-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-oria  
In excelsis deo

Come to Bethlehem and see  
He whose birth the angels praise  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King

Glor-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-  
or-or-or-or-oria  
In excelsis deo  
Glor-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-  
or-or-or-or-oria  
In excelsis deo

Glor-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-  
or-or-or-or-oria  
In excelsis deo





# Deck The Halls

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Deck the Hall with boughs of holly

Fa la la la la, fa la la la

'tis the season to be jolly

Fa la la la la, fa la la la

Fill the mead cup, drain the barrel

Fa la la la la, fa la la la

Troll the ancient christmas carol

Fa la la la la, fa la la la

See the flowing bowl before us

Fa la la la la, fa la la la

Strike the harp and join the chorus

Fa la la la la, fa la la la

Follow me in merry measure

Fa la la la la, fa la la la

While I sing of beauty's treasure

Fa la la la la, fa la la la

Fast away the old year passes

Fa la la la la, fa la la la

Hail the new, ye lads and lasses

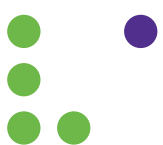
Fa la la la la, fa la la la

Laughing, quaffing all together

Fa la la la la, fa la la la

Heedless of the wind and weather

Fa la la la la, fa la la la



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# Do You Hear What I Hear

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Do you hear what I hear (what I hear, what I hear)

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy

Do you hear what I hear (what I hear, what I hear)

Waiting through the night shepherd boy

Do you hear what I hear (what I hear, what I hear)

A song, a song

High above the tree

With a voice as big as the sea

With a voice as big as the sea

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty King

Do you want to know what I know

(do you want to know what I know)

In your palace born mighty King

Do you know what I know (do you know what I know)

A child, a child

Shivers in the cold

Let us bring him silver and gold

Let us bring him silver and gold

Said the King to the people everywhere

Listen to what I say (listen to what I say)

The child, the child

Sleeping in the night

He will bring us goodness and light

He will bring us goodness and light

Do you hear what I hear (do you hear what I hear)

Do you know what I know (do you know what I know)

# Hallelujah Chorus

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Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*(repeat)*

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth – Hallelujah!

*(repeat twice)*

The Kingdom of this world

Is become the Kingdom of our Lord

And of His Christ, and of His Christ

And He shall reign for ever and ever *(repeat three times)*

King of Kings forever and ever, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

And Lord of Lords forever and ever, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*(repeat)*

King of Kings forever and ever, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

And Lord of Lords

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

And he shall reign, and he shall reign

And he shall reign, and he shall reign

Forever and ever

King of Kings – Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

and Lord of Lords – Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

He shall reign forever and ever

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

He shall reign forever and ever

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Halle – lu – jaah!



# Hark The Herald Angels Sing

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Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold him come  
Offspring of a virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the godhead see  
Hail the incarnate deity  
Pleased as man with man to dwell  
Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n born prince of peace  
Hail the Son of righteousness  
Light and life to all he brings  
Risen with healing in his wings  
Mild he lays his glory be  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King



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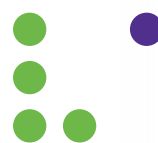
# Jingle Bells

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Dashing through the snow  
In a one horse open sleigh  
O'er the field we go  
Laughing all the way... Ha Ha Ha!

Bells on bobtail ring  
Making spirits bright  
What fun it is to ride and sing  
a sleighing song tonight

Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one horse open sleigh



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# O Come All Ye Faithful

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O come all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold him  
Born the king of angels

O come let us adore him  
O come let us adore him  
O come let us adore him  
Christ the lord

Sing Hallelujah  
All ye choirs of angels  
Sing all ye blissful ones  
Of heav'n above  
Glory to God  
In the highest love

O come let us adore him  
O come let us adore him  
O come let us adore him  
Christ the Lord

Yea lord, we greet thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n  
Word of the father  
Now in flesh appearing

O come let us adore him  
O come let us adore him  
O come let us adore him  
Christ the lord

O come let us adore him  
Christ the lord



# O Holy Night

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O holy night  
The stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth  
Long lay the world  
In sin and error pining  
Till he appeared and the soul felt his worth  
The thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices  
For yonder beams a new and glorious morn  
Fall on your knees  
Oh hear the angel voices  
O night divine  
O night, when Christ was born  
O night divine  
O night, O night divine.

Truly he taught us to love one another  
His law is love and his gospel is peace  
Chains shall he break for the slave is our brother  
And his name all oppression shall cease  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus rise  
Let all within us praise his holy name  
Fall on your knees  
O hear the angel voices  
O night divine  
O night when Christ was born  
O night divine  
O night, O night divine.

# Once In Royal David's City

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Once in Royal David's City  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,  
Who is God and lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable,  
And his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,  
Lived on earth our saviour holy.

For he is our childhood's pattern:  
Day by day like us he grew,  
He was little, weak and helpless,  
Tears and smiles like us he knew;  
And he feeleth for our sadness,  
And he shareth in our gladness.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him; but in heaven  
Set at God's right hand on high;  
When like stars his children crown'd  
All in white shall wait around.



# Santa Claus Is Coming

Written by Chris Harriot & Helena Harris. Published by Nine Films & TV/SONY/ATV Music Publishing Australia.

**CHORUS:** Santa Claus is coming  
Santa Claus is coming  
He's not very far away  
Time to hang your stockings up  
Tomorrow's Christmas Day

Put a piece of pie or cake  
On a pretty Christmas plate  
Remember Rudolph's carrot  
Oh, we can hardly wait

The Christmas tree is twinkling  
The Christmas pudding stirred  
The presents are all wrapped and stacked  
'Cos everybody's heard

## CHORUS

We love singing carols  
And lighting candles too  
But my favourite part of Christmas Eve  
Is cuddling up to you

The Christmas tree is twinkling  
The Christmas pudding stirred  
The presents are all wrapped and stacked  
'Cos everybody's heard

## CHORUS

Is it time for bed yet?  
It must be really late  
Everything is ready  
And we can hardly wait

Santa Claus is coming, Santa Claus is coming  
Santa Claus is coming, Santa Claus is coming

**CHORUS (sing twice)**

# Silent Night

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Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child  
Holy infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heav'nly hosts sing allelujah  
Christ the Saviour is born  
Christ the Saviour is born

Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth



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# Sleigh Ride

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**CHORUS:** Just hear those sleigh bells jingling  
Ring ting tingling too  
C'mon it's lovely weather  
For a sleigh ride together with you  
Outside the snow is falling  
And friends are calling you – Yoo Hoo  
C'mon it's lovely weather  
For a sleigh ride together with you

*Verse 1:*

Giddeup giddeup giddeup let's go  
Let's look at the show  
We're riding in the wonderland of snow  
Giddeup giddeup giddeup it's grand  
Just holding your hand  
We're gliding along  
With the song of a wintery fairyland

Our cheeks are nice and rosy  
And comfy cosy are we  
We're snuggled up together  
Like two birds of a feather would be  
Let's take that road before us  
Let's sing a chorus or two  
C'mon it's lovely weather  
For a sleigh ride together with you

*(repeat Verse 1)*

**CHORUS**

Sleigh ride, sleigh sleigh ride with you  
Sleigh ride, sleigh sleigh ride with you  
Sleigh ride, sleigh sleigh ride with you, with you

# Song Of Joy

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Come sing a song of joy  
For peace shall come my brother  
Sing, sing a song of joy  
For men shall love each other

That day will dawn just as sure  
As hearts that are pure are hearts set free  
No man must stand alone  
With outstretched hand before him

Reach out and take them in yours  
With love that endures for evermore  
Then sing a song of joy  
For love and understanding

Come sing a song of joy  
For peace shall come my brother  
Sing, sing a song of joy  
For men shall love each other

That day will dawn just as sure  
As hearts that are pure are hearts set free  
No man must stand alone  
With outstretched hand before him

Reach out and take them in yours  
With love that endures for evermore  
Then sing a song of joy  
For love and understanding

One mighty voice that will bring a sound  
That will ring for evermore  
Then sing a song of joy  
For love and understanding

# The First Noel

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The first Noel, the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds  
In fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay  
Keeping their sheep  
On a cold Winter's night  
That was so deep  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

They look-ed up and saw a star  
Shining in the east, beyond them far  
And to earth it gave a great light  
And so it continued both day and night  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our Heav'nly Lord  
That hath made Heav'n and Earth of naught  
And with His blood Mankind hath bought  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

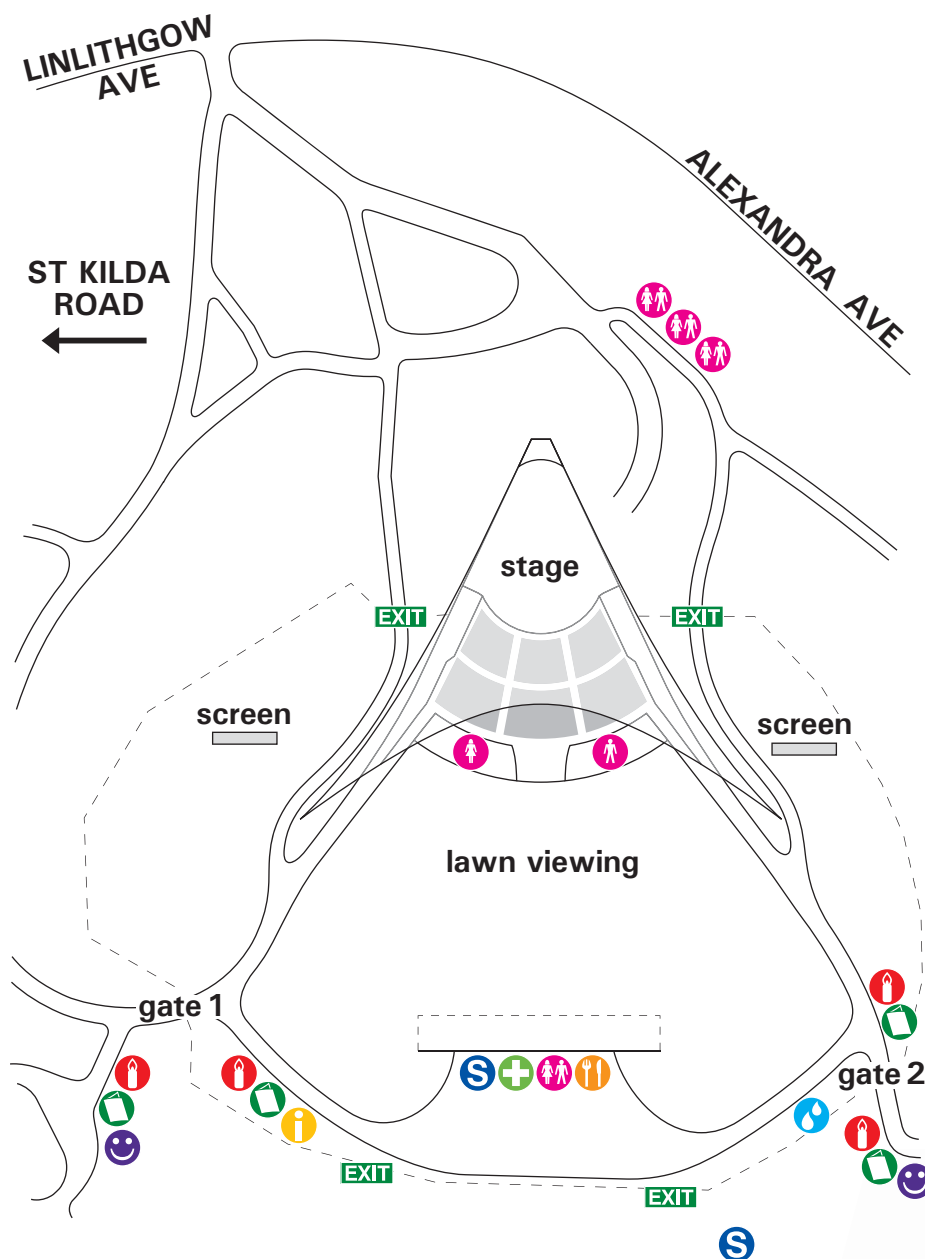


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# Map of Sidney Myer Music Bowl



## Legend

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| Programs                                      | First aid       |
| Face painting                                 | Security/Police |
| Toilets                                       | Emergency exit  |
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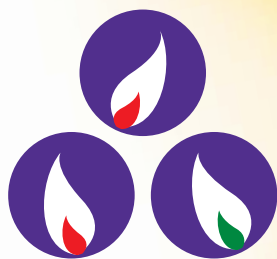
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