

NEW  
ZEALAND  
**CHORAL**  
FEDERATION INC  
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**Dear NZCF members**

Greetings and I hope you have all had a good break over the festive season. This year has already started with a hiss and roar and here are some of the events coming up.

**1. DIRECTORS' CONDUCTING COLLOQUIUM – 27 February**

The NZCF invites all choir directors to be part of a think-tank on the training of choral directors in this country and to contribute to plans for an association of choral directors within the NZCF. To be led by Karen Grylls and Guy Jansen, this colloquium arises out of the "Futures" Workshop held at Sing Aotearoa 09 and seeks to address an area of high priority for the Governance Board.

Conductors are urged to approach their choir committees to send them to the colloquium. It will explore the needs of the hundreds who lead our choirs. Possibilities such as on-line courses, video-conferencing, new programmes and a national NZCF conductors' convention will be discussed.

**When:** 9.30 – 4.30 pm, Saturday 27 February 2010

This date has been chosen as it coincides with the first weekend of the New Zealand International Arts Festival ([www.nzfestival.nzpost.co.nz](http://www.nzfestival.nzpost.co.nz)) and attendees may wish to attend Festival events around the colloquium.

**Where:** St John's Conference Centre, cnr Willis & Dixon St, Wellington

**Cost:** \$15 (covers teas and lunch)

The colloquium is an opportunity for choral directors to influence the future of choir leadership in New Zealand; we'd love to see as many there as possible.

Please register by **Thursday 18 February** at [office@nzcf.org.nz](mailto:office@nzcf.org.nz)

**2. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Individual members and choirs have already been mailed their 2010 subscription notice. Online renewals are now possible for all individual members and choir primary contacts who have signed in – see our website membership page for more details. Please note that we have extended the due date for renewals to 28 February to help everyone cope with the delays caused by the holiday break.

**3. CANCELLED: THE AUCKLAND STARLIGHT SYMPHONY**

The Auckland Starlight Symphony has been an annual February event held in the Domain for many years. The NZCF has been responsible for assembling the massed choir of approximately 500-600 singers. Sadly, despite a campaign to find a backer, no sponsor has been secured to fund the event and so it will not take place in 2010. The organisers hope it can be resumed in future years.

**4. THE BIG SING 2010**

You can now download dates, venues and coordinators for this year's THE BIG SING from [www.nzcf.org.nz](http://www.nzcf.org.nz) (news and events pages).

## 5. ADVERTISEMENT: CHORALFEST 2010



If you missed out on SING AOTEAROA 09 (or attended it and now hunger for more!), why not head across to sunny and picturesque Port Macquarie for CHORALFEST 2010, the Australian National Choral Association's festival, being held from 7-10 July this year. For more information, see [www.choralfest.org.au](http://www.choralfest.org.au)

## 6. ADVERTISEMENT: WAITAKERE CITY LADIES' CHOIR SEEKS A NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

*Waitakere City  
Ladies Choir Inc.*

**THE WAITAKERE CITY LADIES CHOIR INC.**  
A position has become available for a Musical Director for the year, commencing February 2010.

The choir membership at present is 28 members and resides and practices in the West Auckland suburb of Te Atatu Peninsula. It was established more than 50 years ago and has developed wide appeal singing varied works such as classical, sacred, and show songs and combining at times with some well known bands.

The choir has produced a Compact disc recording a variety of music which the choir presents. During 2009 the choir has performed on TVNZ "Praise Be" programme.

The new years programme consists of many singing engagements, we are happy to perform when asked. A concert at the Playhouse Theatre, Glen Eden is also booked, later during the year. Our aim is to encourage and develop our choral talents and promote enjoyment and appreciation of music in the wider community.

The choir is a member of the N.Z. Choral Federation. Our website access reports on recent performances  
Website: [www.waitakerecityladieschoir.org.nz](http://www.waitakerecityladieschoir.org.nz)

Please apply in writing to:  
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Glendene, West Auckland.  
or email: [allierskine@extra.co.nz](mailto:allierskine@extra.co.nz)

Enquiries: Ph: Allison 09 836 2803  
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## 7. SIMON HALSEY TO VISIT NEW ZEALAND



International choral conductor Simon Halsey will be visiting New Zealand from 16 to 30 August this year on a trip of interest to both singers and conductors.

His programme will include full-weekend conducting masterclasses, aimed at intermediate and advanced conductors, in Christchurch (20-22 August) and in Auckland (27-29 August), with massed choir concerts in Wellington (19 August) and Auckland (25 August). More details will be given in the March edition of *Breve*, but please put these dates in your diaries now.

## 8. WANTED: NEW MEMBERS FOR THE NZCF

Our organisation is continually growing - eighteen new choirs joined in 2009 and individual memberships have also increased over previous years. Do you know of any choirs or individuals who may be interested in joining the NZCF to enjoy the many benefits our organisation provides? Just let [office@nzcf.org.nz](mailto:office@nzcf.org.nz) have the contact details and we'll do the rest!

## 9. ADVERTISEMENT: THE 6<sup>th</sup> WORLD CHOIR GAMES

The 6<sup>th</sup> World Choir Games will be taking place in Shaoxing and Shanghai in July this year. For more information, see the December *Breve*, the NZCF website (news page) or visit [www.worldchoirgames.com](http://www.worldchoirgames.com)

## 10. NZCF BOOK AND MUSIC SALE

To purchase any of the following items, please contact [office@nzcf.org.nz](mailto:office@nzcf.org.nz)

### MUSIC FROM THE CHORAL CLINICS

You can order copies of some of the wide range of music used in last year's Choral Clinics at \$2.50 each plus packing. Discounts for bulk orders. Check out the titles on our website (publications page).

### SING WHAT YOU SEE, SEE WHAT YOU SING by Judy Bellingham

A systematic approach to sight-singing, designed to be used by choirs on a regular basis to gradually improve sight-singing skills. It includes resources, vocal health for singers, a pronunciation guide and glossary of terms. Cost: \$30.00 per copy plus \$5 postage/packing.

### SUCCESSFUL SIGHT-SINGING by Teiron Jones

201 step-by-step sight-singing melodies which progresses according to the Kodaly method. Cost: \$15 per copy plus \$5 postage/packing.

### EXTRA COPIES OF BREVE

Each Individual Member is sent a personal copy of *Breve*, and choirs are sent a few for circulation among members. Additional copies are available from the NZCF office for \$2 including postage.

## 11. ADVERTISING IN E-NEWS, BREVE OR ON OUR WEBSITE

For as little as \$50 you can reach literally thousands of choral musicians across the country. Contact [office@nzcf.org.nz](mailto:office@nzcf.org.nz) or visit [www.nzcf.org.nz](http://www.nzcf.org.nz) (publications page) for more details. News is also very welcome. The next edition of *Breve* is due out on 1 March, and copy must be supplied by 10 February.

Happy Singing!

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grant Hutchinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Grant Hutchinson  
Chief Executive