SECTION E  CHORAL SINGING SECONDARY

A Choral Performance with Two Contrasting Songs

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1. General Educational Aims and Policy

Suitable Repertoire
Fine Musicianship
Beautiful Singing Tone
Vital
Performance

Genre
The Festival caters for Choirs and Vocal Ensembles.
- Secondary School Years 7 - 10
- Secondary School Years 7 - 12
- Unaccompanied Choir/Vocal Ensemble
- Original Composition or Arrangement.

2 Preparation Details
- The selected songs should be of a suitable range and difficulty.
- Breath control needs to be sufficient to support the vocal singing line.
- Singers should project good singing tone with vitality, control and enthusiasm.
- The choir should observe expression and other performance markings.
- Part song singing should occur only after the choir has successfully performed unison songs with pitch stability.
- The interpretation should be consistent and stylistically correct.
- Attention should be given to nuances and contrasts especially in strophic songs.
  
  *ie. It is recommended that where many verses are repeated with the same melody but different words, then the treatment of each verse should be changed imaginatively. Even if there is a large number of such verses no more than three verses should be sung.*
- There is a strict adherence to the set time maximum time limits listed.

3 Organisational Details
- A choir must not exceed the number of 120 performers.
- Directors must ensure that the description of the choir is accurate.
- It is a school responsibility to arrange for an accompanist and for choir transport.
- Choirs are expected to provide a student announcer to introduce the choir and announce the two items when students are on stage.
- Venue location, venue floor plan and choral riser arrangement are provided well in advance. Please practise to ensure that students can achieve performance positions on risers within about 90 seconds.
- The performance will only commence after the adjudicator gives the signal.
- Alternate accompaniments and instrumentations are welcome but the choral performance remains the main focus of the adjudication.
- No recorded backing allowed. (Use live instrumentation or unaccompanied)
• It is the responsibility of all schools to have a FIRST AID KIT or adequate provisions at every performance. Each school is responsible for their own students.

4 Copyright Information
• Music MUST be posted to the Catholic Arts Office by the due date as marked on the Entry form. The copy is to be clearly marked ‘ADJUDICATION COPY ONLY’.
• APRA and AMCOS copyright clearances are the responsibility of the participating schools.

5 Adjudication Performance Criteria
• Accuracy of intonation
• Beauty, consistency and correctness of tone production
• Projection, clarity and effectiveness of diction
• Precision and accuracy of the performance
• Accuracy and effectiveness of entries
• Balance and security of part singing
• Expressiveness and effectiveness of phrasing
• Control and effectiveness of dynamics.
• Effectiveness of interpretation
• Suitability of the selected song/s for the group
• Adequacy and control of breath support
• Suitability and control of posture
• Stage appearance, impact and presence