

## Newcastle University Choir presents a Broadway spectacular for their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Since its founding in 1977 by conductor, Ulric Burnstein, the Newcastle University Choir has become a fixture in the Novocastrian choral scene. As part of the ongoing celebrations of their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Newcastle University Choir is bringing a taste of Broadway magic to Newcastle Conservatorium of Music in their presentation of **On Stage!**

Under the direction of **Callum Close**, the choir will entertain audiences with familiar tunes from the most popular and well-loved musicals, including **Porgy & Bess, The Sound of Music, West Side Story, Wicked and Disney favourites.**

“This is an opportunity for the choir to participate in a different choral world” said Close. “They have a wonderful repertoire of large scale classical works, so to perform musical theatre on a similar scale will prove to be really exciting.”

The choir will be joined by three time CONDA award winner, **Rachelle Schmidt-Adnum**. Rachelle is well known to Novocastrian audiences, and is renowned for her work on stage in productions such as Mary Poppins, Into the Woods, The Last Five Years and The Witches of Eastwick. Newcastle University Choir also welcomes students from local theatre school **Hunter Drama** who toured the United States in January, representing Australia at the iTheatrics Junior Theatre Festival. Hunter Drama celebrates their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017.

“We’re so lucky to be collaborating with Rachelle and the students of Hunter Drama” said Close. “The students are some of the finest young performers that I’ve met and Rachelle is a remarkable performer who can simultaneously make you laugh and cry through her performances”.

The performance of **On Stage** will be accompanied by some of Newcastle’s finest musicians in a four-piece band, consisting of Kieran Norman (piano), Ben McCann (guitar), Jarrod Gibson (bass guitar) and Gavin Hodge (drums). The University choir will present a selection from the “On Stage!” program at the **Singleton Civic Centre on August 13<sup>th</sup> 2017.**

**Newcastle University Choir presents *On Stage!***

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017, 2.00pm**

**Harold Lobb Concert Hall, Newcastle Conservatorium of Music**

**Tickets \$30 Adult, \$25 Concession, \$15 student, \$60 Family of 4, available through [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com), McLeans Booksellers Hamilton, phone 0425231625 or at the door.**

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