



ACT Instrumental Music Program

Young Voices (Choir)

Audition Requirements

2024 for 2025

Thank you for your interest in auditioning for ACT IMP Young Voices for 2025.

Your audition will be conducted via a dedicated Google Classroom. You will receive a link to this Google Classroom by email **after Monday 4 November 2024**. It is important that you join this Classroom as soon as possible. Please note that students must join using their schoolsnet email addresses. Other email addresses such as gmail or work emails will not work. Parents/carers are not able to join the Google Classroom.

Please make sure you read all information carefully before attending your online audition, and please share the information with your parents/carers so they can support you. You will probably want to print everything out for you to use when you are practising. It is important that you practise the set piece beforehand as entry to Young Voices is competitive. On the IMP website, you will find a backing track with vocals to help you while you are learning the song.

Your audition will be held online in a single live online session. It will be one-on-one with your auditioner - just you and an IMP teacher - and will take about 10 minutes. This applies to all applicants. **Auditions will be held in Week 6 (18-22 November 2024)**. After applications have closed, you will receive an email with a specific date and time for your audition.

Your audition will consist of two short parts:

Part 1. Set Piece 'The Moon'

You will need to sing the song 'The Moon'. While you are singing in your audition, you need to have the **recorded piano accompaniment (not the backing track with vocals)** playing in the background. This will help you to sing the song in the right key and at an appropriate tempo (speed). Make sure the auditioner can hear both your voice and the recorded piano accompaniment. You will need to have learned this piece before your audition, and you should be singing by memory.

You will need to visit the IMP website to access the audition materials for 'The Moon' well before your audition.

Audition materials available on the website are:

- Backing track with vocals (to use when you are learning the song)
- Recorded piano accompaniment (to play in the background while you are singing in your audition)
- Printed music with lyrics for this song (to help you learn the lyrics)

These materials will also be emailed to applicants in Term 3 Week 10. You don't necessarily need to know how to read the printed music notation for the audition, but you will need to access it for the lyrics.

Part 2. Vocal and Aural Activities

The purpose of these activities is to determine each student's skills in musicianship, aural awareness (listening), vocal production (tone), vocal range, pitch-matching and intonation (in tune singing). Much of the Young Voices repertoire is in two or three-part harmony. Students will also be assessed in regard to confidence, independence, focus, ability to follow instructions and performance readiness for high profile and pressured situations. **No special preparation is required for these activities.**

Online Audition Instructions

- Go to the Google Classroom and attend the Google Meet at the specified date and time. Use your computer clock and join at the **exact time** given in the email. Please do not enter early as you will be likely to interrupt the audition of the student before you. Once you are in the waiting room, please do not open other tabs; just wait patiently for your turn. You will be able to see how many people are in the Meet, and you should enter when there is just one person (the auditioner) showing.
- Ensure that you have warmed up before your allocated audition time and are seated/standing in a suitable space that is safe and free of distractions. Position the camera so that your **face and entire upper body are visible**. Have your camera on and your mic off until requested to turn it on. Check that the **noise cancellation setting has been disabled**; use the three dots at the bottom of the screen to access this function.
- Be prepared to perform the set piece 'The Moon' and to participate in some vocal and aural activities as explained above.
- All Google Meets will be recorded for safety and equity reasons.

If you or your parents/carers have concerns about privacy in this online audition, we encourage you to change your background or use a filter.

Students needing access to a device to attend this online audition are able to request to borrow a device from their school. Just let the school know it is for an IMP audition.

You will hear from us with a final result via email **by Thursday 5 December 2024**.

If you require assistance or have any questions, please contact the IMP SLC Shoshanna Honey-Erlandson at shoshanna.erlandson@ed.act.edu.au .

Good luck! We are looking forward to your audition.