



cape town youth choir

audition process and rehearsal information

CTYC rehearses at Jan van Riebeeck High School at 129 Kloof Street, Gardens, Cape Town.

- There is a MyCiti bus stop very close to the school.
- For UCT students: Jammie Shuttle bus stop at Hiddingh Campus is within walking distance of the school

Rehearsals are on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6:30pm till 8:30pm

- Once a quarter we add a weekend rehearsal
- Close to concerts, we often extend the Friday rehearsals with an hour

A CTYC audition consists of the following

- Book an appointment with the the choir manager, Lauren Patterson (lauren@ctyc.co.za)
- Prepare an own choice a cappella song. Choose something that will show off your voice's best qualities.
- You will be asked to sing a major scale* starting on three different pitches. This will demonstrate your voice in different ranges and you will do some basic aural tests
- You might be asked to prepare a specific piece for a follow up audition.

* A **major scale** is a diatonic **scale**. The sequence of intervals between the notes of a **major scale** is: whole, whole, half, whole, whole, whole, half. (Wikipedia; google it some more if you are unsure; make sure you can actually sing a major scale.)

Final comments:

The ability to read music (western staff notation) is an important skill that we highly value. If you cannot read music you will have to learn the basics of reading music before you will be allowed to join the choir.

We are conscious of the fact that not all potential choir members can read music. It is therefore important for us to empower our choristers so that they have the know-how and means to be able to prepare meaningfully for rehearsals. This link will give you a solid foundation in starting to learn to read music: <https://www.musictheory.net/lessons>

One of the most important attributes that a CTYC chorister must have is the willingness and the commitment to work hard.