

Noosa Chorale Tune in

The Newsletter of Noosa Chorale Inc

STOP PRESS

Volume 10, Number 10, October 2016

Starry theme for Christmas Wassail - Tickets now on sale!

There's nothing like it in Noosa and it's on again this year!

It, of course, is Noosa Chorale's annual Christmas "Wassail" and we're inviting Tune In readers to book their tickets early because we know The J will be packed as full as a toddler's stocking on Christmas morning!

Nine years ago the Chorale introduced its first-ever "Wassail" and Noosa crowds still love it.

Last year was another sell-out as audiences revelled in the genial atmosphere of *bonhomie* and hearty Christmas Cheer, sitting at "cabaret-style" tables, having a few drinks, and enjoying complimentary mince pies, cheese platters and Christmas cake.

And let's not forget joining the choir with the sing-a-long from word sheets of well-known carols, among which this year are the old favourites "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem", "The First Nowell" and "Oh Come All Ye Faithful."

This year's theme is "STARS" and you can expect something heavenly from Wassail co-ordinator Gai Ramsay who, with help from twinkling-star designer, soprano Jenny Jackson and others, is planning to transform the J into a wonderland filled with sparkling Christmas scenes and festive décor.

Music director Adrian King (and father of the Chorale's annual Wassail) has selected famous British composer Benjamin Britten's celebrated and hugely popular "A Ceremony of Carols" to punctuate the programme.

The carols in Britten's inspired work are largely drawn from anonymous 15th and 16th century writers. Each carol has its own distinctive identity—from the joyously forthright "Wolcum Yole!" through to the lyrical, the swinging, the fiery and the dramatic.

Noosa Chorale

WASSAIL
CHRISTMAS
CHEER
CONCERT

Conducted by Adrian King

7.00pm Friday 16 December 2016
7.00pm Saturday 17 December 2016

Tickets \$35
Includes cheese platter, mince pies
& Christmas cake
Bar available for purchase of drinks
Lovely carols and sing-a-long
Beaut raffle prizes

the J Theatre
60 Noosa Drive Noosa Heads
Enquiries: 07 5329 6560
Bookings: www.thej.com.au

The harmonies are rich and colourful, showing off Britten's genius when it comes to composing for voices in harmony. And to keep you in the Wassail mood, the choir will be singing the work in Old English which Britten used extensively throughout.

Wassail is derived from the Old Norse *ves hael* or from a later time the Anglo Saxon *waes hael*. Depending on how you feel at the time it can be a toast of a drink like mulled ale or a party, particularly at Christmas.

It's easy to imagine roistering Vikings hallooing *Wassail* as they dip their beards into their tankards or 12th century English peasants warming up to the winter weather with a Christmas carol or two and a hot mug.

Flash forward a few centuries and *Wassail* still means fun, roistering and enjoying the Christmas season with your friends—Noosa Chorale-style.

Wassail, Friday December 16 at 7.00pm and Saturday December 17 at 7.00pm. Tickets are \$35 and are now on sale at the The J.

Book online at www.thej.com.au, or in person at The J Box Office, 60 Noosa Drive, Noosa Junction (no transaction fee).

Book by phone 07 5329 6560 (incurs a telephone transaction fee of \$3.50).

Whole table reservations for groups can be arranged, with separate payment by group members, either at the Box Office, or phone 07 5329 6560 (incurs a telephone transaction fee of \$1.50).

