

Four Australian Christmas Songs

Four songs in an attractive Australian designed cover celebrate what it means to have Christmas in Australia.

The lyrics and melodies of the songs present the joy and abundance of harvest time, the wondrous stars of the southern hemisphere and are set in a loving context of the birth of Christ.

In the true spirit of all that it means to be Australian, the songs are easily accessible for the normal vocal range and well suit church and school choirs.

Total prize money \$3000

Christmas Song Performance Competition

Mitchell Conservatorium is hosting a performance competition of 4 new Australian Christmas Songs. The songs beautifully capture the spirit of Christmas in Australia.

The prize winners will perform at Carols by Candlelight at the end of the year and winning entries will be recorded for a special Christmas CD.

The competition launch at Stop'n'Rock in Bathurst by Margaret Brandman (international Composer, Music Educator, Author, Arranger and Specialist Music Consultant) is a welcome addition to the rich musical heritage developing in the Central West.

The songs, music and cover design of the original songs are the work of the late, very talented Hazel Hughes and were recently published by her daughter Roz Townsend. Entries can be obtained by contacting Mitchell Conservatorium.

Hazel Hughes

Composer, Lyricist, Artist and Orchardist's Wife

Hazel Hughes spent her early years in the Sydney cultural scene. She was a noted graphic artist providing intricate pen and ink advertising work for Prouds, Anthony Horderns, Rosella and many other 'big' brands. Her hobbies of music and poetry were well known in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney and later in the rural area of Oakdale. Much of her music and poetry was composed in quiet moments on the apple orchard where she spent her married life. She often performed in Camden and Oakdale, particularly in the local Churches and musical societies.

Hazel loved the Australian way of life and felt strongly that much of our Christmas music did not relate to real Australia, hence her commitment to writing these four, simple yet beautiful Christmas songs.

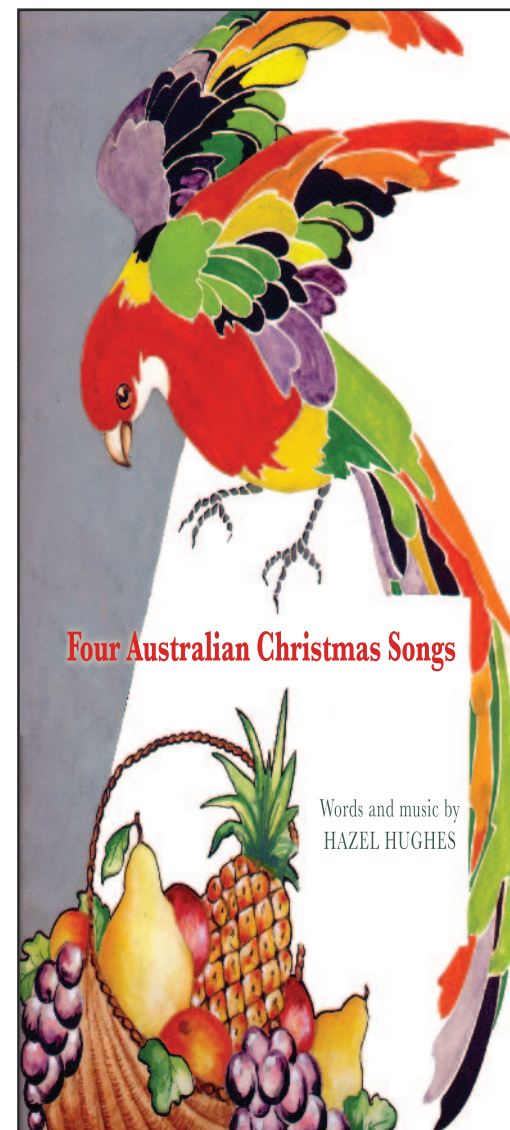


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**Christmas Song
Performance Competition
2007**

Total Prize Money \$3000

CONDITIONS of ENTRY

- 1) All entrants must clearly indicate which category they wish to enter.
- 2) Entries will be accepted for solo or group singers using the printed accompaniment, or for any alternative arrangement of the songs. eg choral, rock, pop, string quartet.
- 3) All arrangements must use the tune and words of the original composition/s
- 4) Winning entrants must be available to perform their winning entry at "Carols by Candlelight" Bathurst on 9th December 2007.
- 5) CD's will not be returned. All entries must be available to be issued on a compilation CD, with performers given due recognition.
- 6) The competition is open to Australian Residents only.
- 7) Entry Fee \$25 (includes a copy of Hughes *Four Australian Christmas Songs* arranged for piano and vocal). Subsequent entry fees \$10 per entry.
- 8) For this competition, photocopies of the book will be permitted.
- 9) All judges decisions are final and no correspondence shall be entered into.
- 10) Prize money will be presented by cheque only.
- 11) Mitchell Conservatorium reserves the right to publish information, photographs, images and recordings regarding the competition winners in all publicity including websites, newspapers, email and newsletters.
- 12) Entries are limited to one song/arrangement per entry.
- 13) Entries of CD recording close on **2nd Nov 2007**. No late entries will be accepted.
- 14) All entries are to be presented on CD and are to include a stamped self-addressed envelope for results. Results will also be posted on Mitchell Conservatorium's web-site from 19th November.

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**Please return this section with your C/D
by 2nd November 2007**

Entrant Name _____

Group Name (if applicable) _____

Postal Address _____

Phone _____

DOB _____ (*school age entrants only*)

Entry Details

Adult OR School age

Solo Voice OR Choir

Accompaniment will be

Original OR Arrangement

I understand that entries are limited to one song per entry—
additional entries are allowed at a fee of \$10 each

I understand that entry in this competition requires my / our
availability to perform at "Carols by Candlelight" in Bathurst on
9 December 2007

I/my group have read and agree to abide by the Terms and
Conditions

Signature of parent / guardian / choir director

**Note—Original fee of \$25 allows for ONE song entry
Please send \$10 for each additional song to be entered
(additional entries are encouraged!)**

Please ensure the following are enclosed when **returning to
Mitchell Conservatorium—PO Box 1387, Bathurst NSW 2795**

- 1 C/D
- 2 Stamped self-addressed envelope for results
- 3 \$10 payment for each additional entry

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**Please return this section with payment
as soon as possible to receive
1 copy of the music**

Entrant Name _____

Group Name (if applicable) _____

Postal Address _____

Phone _____

Entry fee of \$25
(covers one copy of the music and ONE song entry)

cheque/money order payable: Mitchell Conservatorium

Or

I wish to pay by credit card (Visa / MasterCard)

Name _____

Card No _____

Expiry date _____

Signature _____

Please forward to -

**Mitchell Conservatorium
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