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Community Choir: The Musical

CHEEP TRILL | EMMA DEAN

Presented By Brisbane Festival and Cheep Trill

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Image by Barbara Lowing

Community Choir: The Musical is a heartwarming and hilarious tale written by Emma Dean, set in Brisbane (Meanjin Country) and performed by local community members. Follow the story of a quirky community choir finding themselves accidentally invited to Sydney's prestigious National Choral Competition (in Gadigal Country). Internal conflicts and personal dilemmas temper their initial excitement. As they grapple with song choices, rivalries, and hidden secrets, their journey takes a fantastical turn with the arrival of the flamboyant 'Spirit of the Song'. Only one unlikely choir member can see this enigmatic character with the magical ability to reveal people's deepest truths and fears.

With a mix of humour, drama, and catchy original music, this toe-tapping experience directed by Belinda Raisin, explores themes of unity, love, and self-discovery.

This production of *Community Choir: The Musical* is proudly performed by local community members. 95% of the cast are non-professional performers; some have never performed on stage.

Creatives

Writer, Composer, Choral Arranger and Choir Conductor
 Director and Choreographer
 Music Director, Music Producer and Choir Conductor
 Producer
 Producer
 Assistant Producer and Rehearsal Assistant
 Assistant Choreographer
 Lighting Designer
 Drummer (MD)
 Keyboard
 Bass

Emma Dean
Belinda Raisin
Tony Dean
Cheep Trill Ltd
Corinne Buzianczuk
Molly Keen
Laura Purcell
Geoff Squires
Tony Dean
Richard Thayil
Tom Collins

Spirit of the Song
 Judith
 Johnno
 Pete
 Harriet
 Tizzy
 Suze
 Amala
 Connie
 Emma Dean
 Bernard Dubois
 Fake Bernard

Northside
 Brisbane Cast
Lucy Sweeney
Jen Codognotto
John Catania
James Casey
Helen Beauchamp
Freya Hillier
Luana Peach
Laura Anderson
Jaspa Woolford-Clark
 (herself)
Belinda Raisin
Liz Chenoweth
& Laura Purcell

Southside
 Brisbane Cast
Anita Clements
Angela Armstrong
Richard French
Matthew Tonini
Bridget French
Kate Davies
Shelley Klaric
Gerri Bernard
Aimee Wilson
 (herself)
Belinda Raisin
Deb Callaghan
& Cass O'Donnell

Cheep Trill Community Choir

Production Manager
 Stage Manager
 Sound Designer and Operator
 Rehearsal Assistant

Cameron Goerg
Geoff Squires
Steve Thornely
Lucinda Isbel

Acknowledgement of Country

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 Lyrics by Michelle Roberts
 Music by Emma Dean & Michelle Roberts

Art is for everyone!

In keeping with our ethos of making the arts accessible to as many Brisbanites as possible, Brisbane Festival has been working with Zillmere Community Centre and Benarrawa Community Development Association on a series of free community choir workshops, led by Cheep Trill.

As part of this program, Cheep Trill have led weekly inclusive community choir workshops, learning songs from Community Choir: The Musical. Those who wanted to have been invited to form part of the performance.

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