

## Who we are

The Cyrenes is an inclusive and energetic a cappella choir of women who sing 'for the love of it'. We aim to create a safe, supportive and fun community where women connect with each other through music. The Cyrenes sing songs about women's issues, social justice, human rights, environmental concerns, songs from many cultures, and some just for fun!

## Our beginnings

The Cyrenes began their musical journey in February 1989. The choir was one of the first community choirs in Canberra and remains one of the few all women choirs in Canberra.

It was the brainchild of Lynne O'Brien, a Canberra woman involved in community music and women's support services. Lynne placed an ad in the Canberra Times and received a wonderful response. She saw a need for a safe environment in which women could sing together and which could provide them with opportunities to perform in the Canberra community. Women gathered and sang on that first Tuesday rehearsal and have done so ever since.

## Singing is part of the joy and wellbeing of life

This was the singing philosophy when the choir was first founded and it is such an inspirational statement that it has sustained us during our 30 years. Whilst the choir strives for excellence in performance, our underlying philosophy is that singing is part of the joy and wellbeing of life, that everyone can sing and has something to contribute. The choir enables women to build confidence, improve existing skills and gain new ones in choral voice and solo performance. The choir enhances the quality of life, not only of its members, but also of the diverse audiences who listen to their performances.

New members are always welcome ~ for more info, visit our website

[www.cyrenes.org.au](http://www.cyrenes.org.au)



# 30th Anniversary Reunion Concert

Saturday, 23 November 2019

*The Chapel at the Australian Centre  
for Christianity and Culture, Barton ACT*

*A very warm welcome to all the former Cyrenes  
who are joining us tonight to celebrate*

*"Wow, 30 years – how wonderful a testament to the power of  
women, community and singing" ~ Lynne O'Brien, Sept 2019*

## Program

### Part 1: Finding your voice

One Voice	<i>Wailin' Jennys</i>
A Song of Peace	<i>Jean Sibelius (Finlandia); Lloyd Stone</i>
Evening Song	<i>Zoltán Kodály</i>
Human	<i>Nerina Pallot; arr Rachel Hore</i>
Solsbury Hill	<i>Peter Gabriel; arr &amp; adapted for choir Rachel Hore</i>
Quiet	<i>words &amp; music MILCK; arr MILCK</i>
Brave	<i>Sara Bareilles &amp; Jack Antonoff</i>

### Part 2: Ensembles

Speak to me Sister	<i>Leonie Harrison; performed by Amanda Grahame &amp; Jessie Soria</i>
Lift Thine Eyes	<i>Felix Mendelssohn (from "Elijah"); performed by a group of current Cyrenes</i>
For Good	<i>Stephen Schwartz (from "Wicked"); arr Mac Huff; performed by a group of current Cyrenes</i>

### Part 3: Sing to the world

E Malama	<i>M&amp;S Anderson; arr Nikomo</i>
The Sound of Silence	<i>Paul Simon</i>
Bridge over Troubled Water	<i>Simon &amp; Garfunkel</i>
Here Comes the Sun	<i>George Harrison; arr Johanna McBride</i>
Africa	<i>David Paich &amp; Jeff Porcaro; performed by Toto</i>
Axis of Awesome	<i>arr Jenny Sawer</i>
Putting it all in	<i>Alison Jones</i>

INTERMISSION

### Part 4: Cyrenes old & new singing together

Batonebo	<i>Traditional Georgian</i>
Blackbird	<i>Lennon/McCartney</i>
That Lonesome Road	<i>James Taylor</i>
Soul Wind	<i>Andrew Swain; arr A. Swain, adapted Rachel Hore</i>
Happy Earth	<i>Tiddas</i>
You are my Sisters	<i>Tiddas</i>
Stand by the Shore	<i>Traditional American</i>

### Current members of the Cyrenes

**Musical director:** Johanna McBride

Michele Belford	Sue La Flamme
Vicki Bell	Mary Martin
Charine Bennett	Elanor Matton-Johnson
Karen Cook	Liz Morris
Angie Corcoran	Lucy Nagauna
Judith Cabbage	Anna Palmer
Susan Green	Ana Paula Lacerda
Anne Gardner	Meg Rigby
Jane Hardy	Pamela Smith
Christine Harris	Jessie Soria
Anne Hodgkin	Nat Stiffle
Meryl Jenkins	Shan Thomson
Anne Kidd	Tamette Wood