

# Hillsong Creative: Choir

## Welcome to Choir at Hillsong Church

Below is all you need to know for being part of the Choir at Hillsong Church

### Dress Code

#### *Sunday AM*

Check the current **Style Guide** (on planning center under the 'media' tab) for the most up-to-date dress code.

#### Girls:

Blazers, nice blouse, lipstick, necklace, hair looking nice, etc... Dark pants/very dark denim, nice closed-toe boots/shoes.

- NO vans/sneakers/converse.

#### Guys:

Button up shirts, dark pants/very dark denim, nice closed toe boots/shoes.\* - NO vans/sneakers/converse.

\*Suit Jackets & Ties are expected on special Sundays and when specified (Easter, Christmas, ANZAC Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day etc...)

### On Platform

We are on platform for the opening praise and worship set, the MC Spot, and offering message. We exit the platform during Church News (as directed by the Choir Director).

Things to remember:

- We clap our hands ABOVE our heads (This lifts the energy in the room SO MUCH!)
- During rehearsal, the Choir Director will determine when to sing melody and when to break into parts. Remember when these spots are so you can be bringing your best during the service
- As members of the platform team, we are LEADERS. That means it's our job to engage with and lead the congregation in worship. It's okay to shut your eyes periodically, but try and keep your eyes open for most of the worship time and look at people in the congregation with a smile on your face to encourage them

- Make sure you “Lead to the back.” We don’t want to leave anyone out during worship time so we are encouraged to make eye contact with the congregation that is at the back to help them engage and worship
- Leading with the choir is different to being in the congregation, it is not a time to have your own personal worship time on stage – but to help those in the congregation engage with and worship Jesus
- During the MC Spot and offering message, we keep our eyes on whoever is speaking (this generally involves looking at the back of the head of the speaker). Due to where Choir is positioned on stage, our faces are shown on screen a lot – especially during the MC/offering. Please look engaged and wear a smile on our face, this greatly helps the congregation focus as well. If we are looking around, slouching, frowning, or looking disinterested, it can be very distracting for the congregation and sometimes off-putting for the speakers. We want to be as supportive as we can during these segments  
When we exit the stage, we exit in single file, row-by-row, as directed by the Choir Director

## Call Times

We meet in the Green Room of each campus and are ready to warm up at the following times: Waterloo Sunday AM: 1 hour and 45 minutes before the start of the 8am service\*.

Alexandria Sunday AM: 2 hours and 15 minutes before the start of the 9.30am service\*.

\*SUNDAY AM Call times are specified each week on Planning Center. Please make sure you check Planning Center for the most up-to-date call time for your particular Sunday.

## Team Night

Waterloo Thursday 6:30pm

Our creative team meets every week to worship, learn, grow, and just hang out. It’s always the best night!

The night runs in two parts; Part 1, all our team gathers to worship and listen to some great teaching; and Part 2, we attend master classes. These master classes are a chance for us to improve our craft as singers, as well as branch out and learn some new creative skills (such as dance, barista training, and skateboarding!). Weekend rehearsals are also run during Master Classes – Choir is often involved in these rehearsals.

## Where to leave your bags/personal belongings

Space has been made in the Green Room for our personal belongings. Please do not leave belongings on seats prior to the service; this allows the congregation to sit closer to the front as well as lets us fill the spare seats around the auditorium after praise and worship.

Waterloo: To the left of the Monitors desk (left of stage) along the wall on the right side of the corridor heading out to the parents room. (When we leave the stage, we are encouraged to check in with the hosting team to be shown to seats that need filling)

Alexandria: In the green room. (When we leave the stage we exit straight to the green room and collect our bags/belongings and then head through the back corridor to check in with the hosting team to find a seat)

## Planning Center

Hillsong Church uses Planning Center to roster the creative team each week. It is available to access on a web browser, in an iOS & Android App (Called "Planning Center Services"), or as an app on Facebook.

Each week someone in our team will email you with your allocated position and campus location. In the email there will be an "Accept" or "Decline" button. In order to be on the roster for the weekend you need to accept the position (by clicking the *Accept* button). If you know that you are unavailable that week or are sick, please click the *Decline* button and let our team know so we can fill that spot sooner rather than later.

Blockouts: If you are planning to be away on a particular weekend or are going on holidays, please use the blockout feature in Planning Centre. This will then notify the people doing the rosters that you are unavailable for that particular weekend.

Media & Songs: Depending on your access level on Planning Centre, you should have access to the media and songs tabs. In these tabs you'll find all of our songs that we are singing in church (as well as the demos of the new songs to learn) and other important information such as this document :)