



George Torbay

CHORAL CLINICIAN

George obtained a Bachelor of Music with distinction from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, Massachusetts, USA and a Graduate Diploma in Education from the University of Sydney. From 1997 – 2007 he was the Chief Conductor for NSW Department of Education & Training.

As a conductor, George is in great demand. In 2000 he conducted and recorded the National Anthem for the Closing Ceremony of the Olympics with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and members of the Sing 2001 Choir. He co-arranged this version of the Anthem along with Under Southern Skies & Heroes for the Opening Ceremony. He was also the vocal coach for the Opening Ceremony. George conducted the Opening Ceremony of the Paralympics and was the Choral Director of the Schools Spectacular from 98-2006. Most recently, he was the Director of Music and Judge on Channel 7's Battle of the Choirs.

In 2004 and 2006, George was the guest conductor and choral adjudicator for the Pacific Basin Music Festival in Hawaii. George was also the Choral Director for the Australian Idol finale at the Opera House in 2004-2007 and the Edinburgh Military Tattoo – A Salute to Australia in 2005. He has conducted recordings for Silverchair and Vanessa Amorosi.

George's musical direction credits include Les Miserables for Alexander Productions at NIDA, The Secret Garden (Willoughby), West Side Story (USA) Me and My Girl (USA), Pirates of Penzance (USA), Godspell (USA), How to Succeed in Business (USA), Chess – In Concert (USA) and the All Sondheim AIDS Benefit in Boston. As a director his credits include the musical Chess with Normie Rowe for the Hills Centre, Jesus Christ Superstar, Titanic – The Musical, the plays Table Manners and The Woman In Black at Kent Street Theatre; the man in the moon is a miss for the New Theatre; Blood Brothers and Up For Grabs at the Zenith Theatre.

He is a published arranger with Warner Brothers, Morton Music and Hal Leonard Australia for whom he is also choral advisor. He has also just published six books entitled ChoralTime! with Hal Leonard Australia.

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