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Aussie Choir Set for Church Gig

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The choir will sing a mix of music from Australian contemporary to Bach.

An Australian choir will take the stage at St. Andrew's Anglican Church Saturday as part of a seven-month world tour.

Wayfarers Australian, a 20-person choir with members aged from 12 to 70, will sing a range of music at their concert, called "My Spirit Rejoices," from medieval church music to Mozart, Bach, Rachmaninov and Tchaikovsky.

The choir will also sing two Australian pieces, one by Judith Clingan, the founder of the choir, and a second by contemporary Australian composer Liam Waterford.

The choir was set up in Canberra in 1997 to encourage teenage boys to enjoy singing choral music. It was created using teachers, parents and pupils from Steiner Waldorf schools in Australia and often sings at such schools, which are run on the humanist principles of Austrian philosopher Rudolf Steiner.

"We're really looking forward to it because this is the first chance since we left Australia for us to do some of the serious choral music we enjoy doing," Clingan said in a telephone interview.

The Wayfarers Australia will perform on Sat. 7:30pm. St. Andrew's Anglican Church. 8 Vosnesenskii Pereulok. Metro Okhotny Ryad. Tickets 500 rubles. Tel. (495) 629-9889.www.standrewsmoscow.org

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