

# Media Release

**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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## Sing for Joy Choir takes to the stage

Members of the ACH Group Sing for Joy Choir will join critically acclaimed Australian actress Catherine McClements in the State Theatre production of 'The Events' in March.

Fresh from a sell-out season at the Sydney Festival, the thought-provoking play is set to be a highlight of the Adelaide Festival. The uplifting story follows a community's search for compassion, peace and understanding in the wake of a violent event.

Best known for her television roles on *Water Rats* and *The Secret Life of Us*, McClements stars as Claire in this major new work by renowned Scottish writer David Greig.

Sing for Joy is a unique choir for older people, and is proud to be one of a number of community choirs who feature in the play, which runs from 25 February to 5 March at Her Majesty's Theatre, Adelaide.

Lenore de la Perrelle, Senior Manager at ACH Group's Dementia Learning and Development Unit, says choir members are excited about being part of this Australian premiere.

"This is a great opportunity for older people to be part of the Adelaide Festival and work with professional actors and the State Theatre Company. It provides a high standard to attain and showcases the benefits that collaboration can offer for older singers."

### ***About Sing for Joy:***

Sing for Joy is an inclusive community project for older people funded by ACH Group Foundation that encourages older people to learn to sing and perform to local audiences and as part of a number of festivals in Adelaide.

The Sing for Joy choirs promote the benefits of participation in the arts by older people and celebrate the contribution that older people and people with dementia can make to the cultural life of South Australia.

ACH Group offers choirs in Payneham, Glenelg, Seaford and Wynn Vale. The choirs provide a vehicle for people to come together irrespective of ability, to learn, to enjoy music and singing and to feel the benefits of being included in their community.

### ***About the play:***

'The Events' is a new play written by renowned Scottish writer, David Greig. The piece is a major new work exploring themes of community and its ability to adjust and how far forgiveness will stretch in the face of atrocity.

Featuring a different local community choir at every performance and a soaring soundtrack of original music, *The Events* tells of tragedy, obsession and our destructive desire to fathom the unfathomable.

Tickets are now available: [click here](#) for more information. The Sing For Joy Choir will perform at the Matinee performance on Saturday 5 March.

**Media opportunity:**

Members of the ACH Group Sing for Joy Choir will attend **a full dress rehearsal** at Her Majesty's Theatre, 58 Grote St, Adelaide, on **Saturday 20 February** at **2 pm**.

**For a photo or interview with choir conductors Lisa Lanzi or Angela Sharpe, Choir members or The Events musical director Carol Young, please contact Anna Randell on (08) 8159 3632 or 0400 580 924 or [ARandell@ach.org.au](mailto:ARandell@ach.org.au).**

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**About ACH Group**

ACH Group is a not-for-profit aged care organisation that has been offering services to support good lives for older people in South Australia since 1952.

As well as a range of residential care and housing options across Adelaide, the Fleurieu Peninsula and East Melbourne, the group offers a range of health, wellbeing, respite and support services, help at home and social activities.

Our 1700 specialist staff and hundreds of volunteers share the belief that older people should be valued and respected, connected to their communities and in control of their lives.