

Singing for Africa

ON SUNDAY, June 5, the choir Singularity will present Gilbert and Sullivan's famous comic opera 'The Gondoliers' at St John's Uniting Church in Cowes.

A wonderful afternoon of mirthful, musical, merriment is promised, with all proceeds supporting the continuing success of Rubaga Youth Development Association (RYDA), Uganda.

Singularity was formed in 2003 as an SATB (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) a cappella choir, based in the Dandenong Ranges area.

It has a membership of around thirty voices and performs a wide repertoire at around twenty performances per year.

Performances are always for charity and the group's gift of time and talent has raised significant funds for many groups over its history.

On June 5 in Cowes, they are inspired to support an African success story.

RYDA has successfully worked for over fifteen years to offer life skill and vocational skill training to orphaned and vulnerable street children in Uganda.

Its work has been recognised by the United Nations, with whom it is currently executing a pilot program to eliminate child labour from three districts of the capital, Kampala.

Singularity, associated with the Dandenong Ranges Music Council, has a wide repertoire of music, ranging through madrigals, Scottish folk music, classical

works such as Faure Requiem, Vivaldi Gloria, Handel's Messiah, church music and Gilbert and Sullivan.

It also regularly performs Christmas music as well as several original pieces and arrangements composed for the choir.

With around twenty performances per year, it is able to raise significant funds for various charities, including Oxford Houses, TEAR, OXFAM, Motor Neurone Disease, and School Chaplaincy.

In recent years Singularity has presented a variety of performances including singing at the Swiss/Italian Festa in Daylesford, presenting a selection of music for St Margaret's in Mooroolbark and All Saints in Selby.

The choir has also participated in singing Handel's Messiah at the Collins Street Baptist Church for the last four years.

In the past, Singularity has toured with Gilbert and Sullivan's Pirates of Penzance, and HMS Pinafore, to various city and country venues as a fundraiser for charity.

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a great afternoon and support a great cause.

Date: Sunday June 5

Time: 2pm

Place: St. John's Uniting Church, Chapel Street, Cowes

Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 pensioners.



Corry Pynaker, as Casildain Gilbert and Sullivan's famous comic opera 'The Gondoliers', which will play at St John's Uniting Church in Cowes on Sunday, June 5.