

Chorus - Albany

Chorus is a community dance project which is led by choreographer Annette Carmichael with a team of artists working across dance, sound and design. The project will culminate in the creation of a new dance performance by women from the communities of Denmark, Bunbury, Mandurah, Ravensthorpe, Perth and Albany that will happen on the long weekend in March 2020 in Denmark.

Chorus is a dance performance that holds hope and optimism at its core. It takes inspiration from feminist poetry and the reclaiming of ancient symbols of feminine knowledge. It is inspired by the peace marches and group actions by women across the world calling for equality and demanding safety. Chorus is an exploration of power, its loss and ultimate recovery.

We invite women aged 14 years and over to participate in the project. You don't need any past experience with dance, we welcome everyone.

*the term 'women' is used in its most inclusive sense and we welcome people that describe their gender in other ways.

FREE Taster Workshops

These workshops are for you to experience the project. Find out more about the type of dance we will be doing, meet the artistic team and hear more about the themes of the project.

It is best if you attend both workshops to give you a complete experience. At the end of the Sunday workshop we will ask you if you'd like to continue with the project (we hope you will!).

Day	Date	Begins	Finishes	Venue
Saturday	8 June 2019	2.00pm	5.00pm	Vancouver Arts Centre, 85 Vancouver St.
Sunday	9 June 2019	10am	1pm	Vancouver Arts Centre

Week long intensive

During this intensive we will choreograph the material you will perform in the final work. We make the dance to suit your body and abilities.

Day	Date	Begins	Finishes	Venue
Monday	8 July 2019	6.00pm	8.30pm	Albany Dance Academy 9B Hercules Cres. Centennial Park
Tuesday	9 July 2019	6.00pm	8.30pm	Albany Dance Academy
Wednesday	10 July 2019	6.00pm	8.30pm	Albany Dance Academy
Thursday	11 July 2019	6.00pm	8.30pm	Albany Dance Academy
Friday	12 July 2019	6.00pm	8.30pm	Albany Dance Academy

An additional 6 – 8 rehearsals will be scheduled later in the year. Time and day will be chosen in consultation with participants.

2020

All participants must be available for final rehearsals and performances Wed 26 Feb – Sun 1 March 2020 in Denmark.

Participation fee

We ask participants pay a one-off fee of \$110. This covers costs associated with the project such as insurance, artist fees and equipment hire.

Other costs

You will be asked to provide items of clothing that will be used to create your costume. Further details to follow, but you can use existing clothes or purchase items second hand.

Participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation costs associated with performing in Denmark in 2020. We will provide further information about low cost, shared accommodation.

Financial support

Your participation is most important, so if you can't afford the participation fee, or have difficulty with any costs associated with the project, please let us know. We have received funding to subsidise costs for those who need support. Contact Jennie Newman, projects@annettecarmichael.com.au to discuss how we can assist.

What to bring to the workshops

Please wear comfortable, stretchy clothes. Bring water and snacks.

Filming and photography

This project is being filmed for a short documentary. At times during the project you may be approached for an interview or be photographed or filmed during workshops. Please let us know if you do not wish to participate in this.

What kind of dance will it be?

If you'd like to get a taste of the style of dance, check out our website and watch films of past performances. You can also see 'behind the scenes' documentaries that show how we work, especially look at The Beauty Index and A Light Shade of Red. Chorus is the third installment in The Beauty Index Trilogy. <http://annettecarmichael.com.au/past-projects.html>

Taster Workshop Registration – PLEASE COMPLETE

To attend the Taster Workshops please complete the registration form available [here](#).

Project Contacts

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