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Inclusive Hills choir The Gathering Wave to join Tutti Arts

Mount Barker-based choir The Gathering Wave is looking forward to a new and exciting phase as it joins the award-winning South Australian multi arts incubator, Tutti Arts, in February 2019. The Gathering Wave began life under the auspices of Ink Pot Arts and was originally based on the inclusive Tutti Choir model.

Last year Ink Pot Arts formally handed over the running of the choir to a committee keen to open up opportunities for people with NDIS funding by partnering with a specialist service provider.

A spokesperson for the choir said, “People with a disability have the right to enjoy the same social and leisure activities as non-disabled people. We love the diversity of our choir and the way in which we support each other to sing. Being part of Tutti will enable us to offer greater support and many more opportunities to people with disability in our community.”

The small choir, which performs a mixed repertoire of popular songs, old favourites and original music, has 16 regular members, many of whom are well known Hills identities. They are hoping to see numbers grow this year.

The Gathering Wave rehearses fortnightly on Tuesday evenings at the Wundalea Day Centre in Mount Barker and plans to perform twice a year in addition to joining the Tutti Choir for selected performances. The choir will be under the personal stewardship of disability activist and composer Pat Rix, who is also the CEO and Artistic Director of Tutti Arts.

Pat Rix says: “The Gathering Wave has a strong core of wonderful community minded singers with and without disability and I believe this little choir is on the cusp of amazing things.”

FURTHER INFORMATION

About Tutti Arts

Tutti Arts is one of Australia’s leading disability arts companies where artists with a learning disability create visual art, music, theatre, film, new media and installations for a growing local and international audience. In 2017, Tutti was awarded a prestigious Arts South Australia’s Ruby Award for Sustained Contribution to the Arts by an Organisation or Group.

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