

Good morning! Here's my report for our meeting tomorrow...

Summer Virtual Choir:

- 40 singers participated in recording the song ONE VOICE.
- Most recorded in groups of 4-5, rather than sending individual videos.
- Huge thanks to Trent Broussard and Calvary Baptist Church for providing a great location and sound equipment for recording.
- Final product was distributed on last week's Music Monday via email, Facebook, etc.

Fall *Live-ish* Concert :

- We start rehearsals online this Tuesday for late October release of the virtual concert.
- After discussion, Jean and I have decided to push the concert release back to October 25 to allow adequate rehearsal and recording time, and so that Curbside Cabaret does not conflict with concert preparation
- The concert will be 50 minutes, with three full chorus selections, one selection for Soprano/Alto only and one selection for Tenor/Bass only. It will include ONE VOICE which is already complete, so there are four selections to rehearse and record.
- The remainder of the concert will feature Bruce Formsma and Kent Van Til (trumpet duo), Phyllis Miner and Gene Gess (harp and flute), Kristin Goodyke and Patrick Coyle (4-hand piano) and a solo from Isabelle Bos (Chorale alumna who is attending Peabody Conservatory of Music this fall).
- For our virtual rehearsals, 4 singers (one from each section), Kristin Goodyke (our accompanist) and I will gather at Douglas Community Church (where Jean Lemmenes is Music Director). The six of us will broadcast the rehearsal to the "home-singers" via ZOOM, and the home-singers will sing along. Because of technical restrictions, the home singers will not be able to hear each other, but will be able to hear the live singers at DCC.

Holiday *Live-ish* Concert:

- It seems unlikely that we will be rehearsing together, in person, in time to prepare a live holiday concert. We would have to start this in mid October. So I anticipate another virtual performance for December. We will start rehearsing for this concert as soon as we have finished rehearsals and recordings for the fall concert.
- It will be a challenge to make the concert feel festive and holiday-like because of the decor, and because we usually have bells, organ and a small orchestra. But I'm working on it and open to suggestions of how to make it so!

Remainder of Season:

- With discussions of a Coronavirus vaccine in the works, I'm hoping we will be able to rehearse in person starting in January. But of course, the health of the Chorale members is paramount. We'll have to put off making that decision until later in the year.

Curbside Cabaret:

- Six singers have volunteered to be part of our fall fundraiser. I'm searching for one more soprano and one more tenor to complete our quartets.
- The quartets will sing "You Raise Me Up," "Mister Sandman," "You'll Never Walk Alone", and "Puttin' on the Ritz."
- Rehearsal is tentatively scheduled for September 26, with paid gigs starting in early October.