

Mass Choir

MUSICAL NOTES

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PRAYER REQUESTS

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Please view the video instructions on the next two pages

UPLOAD VIDEO HERE

CHOIR SELECTIONS FOR VIRTUAL CHOIR

RELEASE LYRICS

PLEASE USE THE TRACK BELOW FOR RECORDING PURPOSES

RELEASE TRACK

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

Virtual Choir Instructions

These instructions are here to guide you through the process of recording and submitting your virtual performance in a way that will produce the best overall results. Please contact Dr. Merlyn Ruffin if you have any questions about these instructions.

I. Required Equipment

Please make sure you have access to the following equipment:

- MP3 Player / Tablet / Smartphone / Laptop
 - You need a device capable of playing MP3 audio files so you can sing along with the accompaniment track.
- Headphones
 - Headphones are **REQUIRED** during recording – we want to record your voice, **NOT** the accompaniment track.
- Video Recording Device
 - Use any device capable of recording video into a digital format.
 - Consider dedicated video camera, smartphone, tablet. (Laptop webcam NOT preferred)
 - Note: Playback of accompaniment and recording must use two separate devices.
- Tripod (or other stabilizing method)
 - Tripod adapters for smartphone / tablets.
 - Placement of smartphone/tablet/camera such as shelves, tables, boxes, etc.
 - Note: Handheld recordings may not be usable in the final recording
- Music Stand (or alternative)
 - Memorization is the best option for making your video look visually engaging
 - Make sure you have lyrics off camera.

II. Preparation / Practice

1. **Download your MP3 recording to your computer or directly to your device.**
 - MP3 Recording (Click the Release link above)
 - Tutorial guides and videos are available (through Google search) to help you transfer MP3 files to your playback device if need be
2. **Practice Tips:**
 - Practice singing/playing while listening to the accompaniment track.
 - Practice singing/playing with one or both headphones in – experiment to get your best performance.

III. Recording

1. **Set up your recording space.**
 - Find a QUIET space with minimal ambient noise and echoes.
 - Silence/remove intermittent noise sources (air conditioning, phones, fans, desktop computers, pets, etc.).
 - Use a plain dark background if possible.
 - Ensure bright lighting (e.g. natural, ceiling/floor lamps, desk lamps).

- Avoid backlighting (lights/windows behind you while taping).
 - Place your lyrics in a way that you don't have to look too far down while recording.
- 2. Set up your camera**
- Set up your camera in portrait orientation (not wide)
 - Frame your video so we can see you from the navel up. Make sure your head is near the top edge of the video.
 - If possible, have your device's recording mode to HD setting (720p), or otherwise the highest resolution setting (1080p) – please do not use 4k.
 - Make sure you're not too loud or too quiet.
- 3. Dress for your recording.**
- Do not wear anything with writing or pictures. Your clothing should not be distracting or revealing.
 - Make sure your clothing contrasts the background you are shooting against. (*Ex. Do not wear a white shirt against a white background.*)
- 4. Record your performance.**
1. Put on your headphones. If using only one earbud, tuck the other into back of shirt.
 2. Press 'Record' on you video device
 3. Press 'Play' on your MP3 player/device
 4. Sing your part. If you make a mistake, stop your camera and MP3 player. Start again at recording step 2.

IV. Reviewing and Submitting

- I. Review your recording using headphones.**
- Listen for audible noises you may not have noticed during recording
 - Listen for background hiss from the room or your device
 - Listen for sound level – too loud or too soft
 - Look for proper visual framing and adequate lighting
 - Adjust camera settings and position and re-record if necessary
- 2. Submit your video file using the link provided by Tuesday September 22nd at 8pm**
- Smartphone / tablet / webcam videos: upload directly from your device
 - "Share" the file by uploading the video [HERE](#)

We will do our best to use every video we receive. If your video suffers from technical problems that we cannot overcome, your video may not be used.