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Virtual Rehearsal Tips and Tricks

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Today's Objective

To provide you with at least one take-away that you can use with your virtual rehearsals; as either a singer, director, or rehearsal host.

Virtual Rehearsal Etiquette

- Hosts should open the rehearsal room about 15 minutes prior to start time and should run meeting using computer/laptop if possible
- Participants should join no later than 5 minutes before the rehearsal, just in case there are any technical issues....
 - To ensure audio and video are working (or change your virtual background)
 - Adjust your camera position
 - You have the incorrect meeting link
 - To chat with friends....
- Participants should keep themselves muted
- Just like at rehearsal, minimize your distractions (e.g. phone on silent mode, notifications silenced etc.)



It Takes A Village

- The director has plenty to do in planning the virtual rehearsal
- Consider having someone other than the director ...
 - Host the meeting
 - Schedule the rehearsal and send invites
 - Be available to admit people to the rehearsal from the waiting room
 - Prepare and play audio/videos used during rehearsal
 - In fact, works best to assign this to someone other than the host or director
 - Watch participants in case there are issues
 - Monitor the chat room



Virtual Rehearsal Tips

- Schedule rehearsals to last approximately 1 ½ hours (to avoid losing people to multi-tasking)
- Establish the virtual rehearsal process
 - Just as in face-to-face rehearsals, have others lead activities
 - Vocal warm-ups
 - Physical warm-ups
 - Education, this is a great time to
 - Invite guest faculty from all over the world
 - Use videos from SAI Chat group or YouTube
 - Watch choruses who scored at a level higher than you then discuss how to get to that level

Virtual Rehearsal Tips

- Have section leaders pre-record/sing songs you are going to rehearse while the section sings along (muted of course)
 - Encourage members to record themselves when singing and share with section leader for feedback
 - Encourage others to sing along with another part – you may be able find some new baritones 😊
- Plan short, fun activities during the rehearsal
- Consider using break-out rooms for sectionals
- Use anonymous polls for quizzes

Virtual Rehearsal Tips continued

- Yes, you can teach new choreography during virtual rehearsals
 - Choreographer should share screen to play music on their device if possible, this allows for better sound, pausing and rewinding music easily
 - Position camera to capture the full body
 - Mirror your video and let chorus know
- Assign homework and be sure to talk about the homework results at the next rehearsal
- Host a social hour at the end of rehearsal to catch up with one another

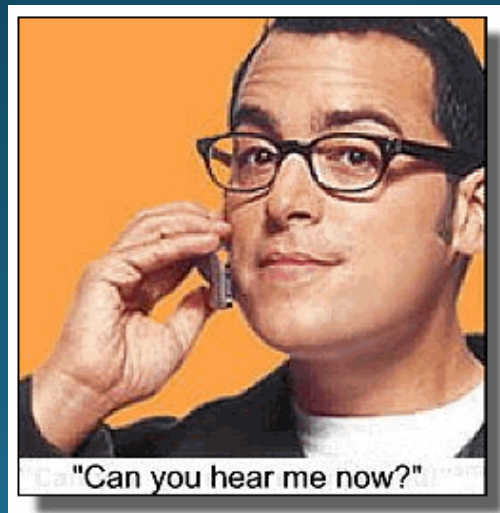


Which Host?

- Most of our choruses and chapter leadership teams are using Zoom
 - Why?
 - User friendly
 - No cost if...
 - Meetings are less than 45-minute (need more time, just end meeting then restart)
 - Host up to 100 participants
 - Screen sharing
 - Join anywhere on tablets, phones and computers
 - Other options include [Facebook Live](#), [Google Meet](#), [Webex](#), [GoToMeeting](#), [FreeConference](#) but many have limited number of participants, and may be cost prohibitive

Zoom Audio Settings

- Turn off “automatically adjust microphone volume” Advanced Audio Features
- Check Show in-meeting option to “Enable Original Sound” from microphone – when in rehearsal Disable Persistent Background Noise
- Disable - Suppress Persistent and Intermittent Background Noise



Let's Talk About Zoom Security

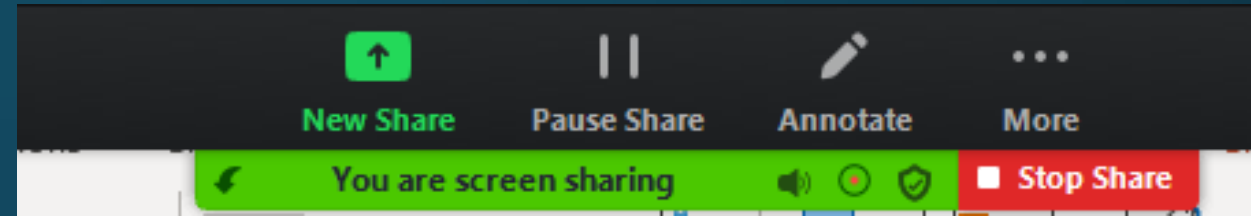
- To Avoid Zoom Bombing
 - Enable Waiting Room
 - OR-
 - Use a meeting password
 - OR-
 - Both
 - Keep Zoom application updated



Open Zoom in your browser:

1. Click on Schedule Meeting
2. Meeting Password (to be the most secure change your meeting password each time, but remember your participants must receive a new invite each time with the most current password)
3. Check "Enable waiting room"
4. Click the SAVE button

Screen Sharing tips



- New Share - – to easily find and open another window to share (no one in the meeting sees this window)
- Pause Sharing – if you pause the screen sharing you can keep everyone on the last window you shared while you search for something you need for the meeting.
- Annotation – used to highlight things on the screen
 - Direct attention to something on the screen
 - Spotlight
 - Arrows
- More...
 - Hide Floating Meeting Controls
 - **Share Computer Sound!**
 - Optimize screen share for video clip
 - Advanced Tab – select Music or Computer Sound Only before sharing for audio files only

Resources

- [Sweet Adelines Chat on Facebook](#)
- [Sweet Adelines Virtual Rehearsal Resources](#) (need to be logged in)
- [Jordan Travis on YouTube](#) – Zoom tutorials for Chorus Leaders
- [Optimize Zoom Audio Settings for Music Lesson](#)
- [Chorus Connection](#) – Virtual Rehearsal Process
- [Zoom with Music: How to use “Breakout Rooms” in Zoom](#)
- YouTube Video Converters
 - [Freemake](#)
 - [WinX Video Converter](#)

Be sure to tune in again next week for more North by Northwest Presents! You never know who may show up next. And if you have an idea for a topic that you would like us to talk about, post it in the comments below.