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Science Chorus Rehearsal, 3/18/21

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Hi everybody, here are some notes about our upcoming Thursday Science Chorus Rehearsal.

NOTE TO THE BRITS:

We have just gone onto Daylight Saving Time here in Massachusetts, so rehearsal will be an hour earlier for you (unless you, too, have just gone on DST!).

REMINDERS:

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/93352616178?pwd=dmEvK1BZb09iUTE0dWp6dG50NVh1UT09>

Resource page: http://www.familyopera.org/drupal/2020_Vision_Practice_Page

(you can also access the Resource Page from FamilyOpera.org under "Content Menu" on the top left)

VIRUS Upload link (for Virus audio, video, and artwork files): <https://www.dropbox.com/request/dfxA4VdGqphnxxP0aGri>

TOPSY-TURVY Upload link (for Topsy-Turvy Vision audio, video, and artwork files): <https://www.dropbox.com/request/NZVOw6sZDsJNAEBXnGRI>

RECORDING TOPSY-TURVY VISION:

Yes, you read that correctly! We have created an upload link for "Topsy-Turvy Vision", which is the next song we'd like to record!

Now that you all had your learning experience recording "Virus" 😬, it should be easy to record this one...right?

We've asked our sound guru Davis Thurston for some recommendations for microphones you can plug right into your computer or phone at a couple of price points, to give you some options for getting better fidelity when you record, so stay tuned.

We'll have the same deadlines: next Monday 3/22 at 11:59pm for audio files, and the following Thursday 3/25 for video (focus on the choruses for video).

RECORDING MUSIC, the big picture:

Just so everyone knows, the (virtual) Cambridge Science Festival starts on April 1 and lasts for the entire month of April. We would like to have "Virus" completed and ready for the Festival's opening day, and then we'd like to add a song to our "playlist of new performances" about once a week.

(We will also provide the Festival with links to our past performances.)

So we'll probably be done with recording sometime in about the third week of April.

The songs we'd LIKE to record are:

- Virus
- Topsy-Turvy Vision
- Perfect Pitch
- In the Faraway Near of the Hidden Ear
- Evolutionary Eye
- The Nose Knows (maybe)
- Cambridge Public School Medley (maybe)

The main thing is, DO NOT STRESS ABOUT THIS! Of course, we'd like as many people as possible to submit recordings, but if this is causing you more anxiety than joy, then just don't do it!

ARTWORK REMINDER:

We need artwork (historically, this has mostly been done by kids, but we've also gotten some great art from adults) inspired by the lyrics for the slideshow. Landscape orientation preferred, but not absolutely necessary. The best images have very bright vibrant colors (usually markers work well) as opposed to something lighter (colored pencils are usually not as good). If you can, scan your images to a JPG file (or other format) and upload them to the appropriate Dropbox link. We can also scan your images for you, if you want to drop them off at, or mail them to, [23 Norris St, Cambridge MA 02140](https://www.familyopera.org/23-Norris-St-Cambridge-MA-02140)

THIS WEEK:

We'll start by going over the song we sang at the very end of our last rehearsal, "My Senses in the Rain", from the Cambridge Public School Medley, including talking a bit about what "petrichor" is. (Hint: it is not short for "petrified")

chorus.")

Then we'll split into sectionals and work on two songs:

- Perfect Pitch (which is not that difficult, but which we haven't done in sectionals yet)
- Evolutionary Eye (continuing our work from a couple of weeks ago)

Finally, we'll introduce a new, really fun song by composer Lauren Mayer called "The Nose Knows".

NEW ON THE WEBSITE:

-- As always, if you missed last week's rehearsal, we have posted the recording. We have also posted links to some of the Sectionals, in case you'd like to review those.

And ongoing thanks to our section leaders, Aimee, Ruth, Glenn, and David!

-- We'll soon have new MP3 tracks for "In the Faraway Near of the Hidden Ear" which include clicks for the beginning and the end of the song.

That's it for now. See you on Thursday!

-- David and Sue