
On to recording Topsy-Turvy Vision and beyond (reminders)!

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Hi everybody,

So here is a list of links for uploading other audio, video, and image files, along with tentative deadlines for these. The links to ALL of the music files (including just your part, all the parts, words only, and accompaniment only) can be found here:

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

One quick note: For obvious reasons, we are not able to get artwork from Cambridge Public School art classes this year (the amazing Carla usually sets this up with the art teachers). So our videos will be a combination of:

-- what artwork we do get (from all of you! 😊)

-- images from the Internet (we have to be careful about attribution and copyright for these)

-- and video of all of you! Which is just to say that

VIDEO IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED AND DOES NOT HAVE TO BE PERFECT! Thanks!

Please just let us know if you have problems with any of the particular deadlines below.

And please note, these deadlines could move sooner or later, depending on how fast we learn the songs and on how fast we can process your audio and video.

1. TOPSY-TURVY VISION

LINK: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/NZVOW6sZDsJNAEBXnGRI>

AUDIO DEADLINE: Monday, 3/22

VIDEO DEADLINE: Thursday, 3/25

2. PERFECT PITCH

LINK: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/0ELxEXINjLyQtTDaMg3q>

AUDIO DEADLINE: Monday, 3/29

VIDEO DEADLINE: Thursday, 4/1

3. IN THE FARAWAY NEAR OF THE HIDDEN EAR

LINK: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/2cXTcvmE6qMEBhEokTpf>

AUDIO DEADLINE: Monday, 4/5

VIDEO DEADLINE: Thursday, 4/8

4. EVOLUTIONARY EYE

LINK: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/XgLTEEPi2heiwqXh5NRc>

AUDIO DEADLINE: Monday, 4/12

VIDEO DEADLINE: Thursday, 4/15

5. THE NOSE KNOWS

LINK: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/T7m25xgB1yAtPMfcuuRB>

AUDIO DEADLINE: Monday, 4/19

VIDEO DEADLINE: Thursday, 4/22

VIRUS EMAILS: Below is a compilation of a couple of emails we sent out about our first recording:

This is ALL optional, but if you choose to participate, here is the procedure we'd like you to use. DON'T WORRY ABOUT PERFECTION!

1. AUDIO

- Situate yourself in a quiet place with as little reverberation as possible. Rooms with lots of plush furniture, rugs and drapes are good, kitchens and bathrooms are bad.
- Avoid loud page turns
- Put on a set of headphones or earbuds, play the demo or piano accompaniment track, and sing at your computer or your phone, or into a microphone connected thereto, recording your audio.
 - On a Mac, you can use QuickTime, or Voice Memo, or GarageBand to record audio.
 - On a PC, there's apparently also a Voice Recorder app.
 - Or any of the myriad higher end recording apps.
 - It's also easy to record sound on your phone, either through your camera app, or Voice Memo...just google your individual phone model to find other options
- Any format is okay
- If it's easier for you, you can send in multiple recordings: for example, you could send in one recording for each verse (so that you can focus on a verse at a time).
BUT if you send me more than one recording of the same passage, please tell me which one to use (I am clinically indecisive and won't be able to choose on my own).

Then, after you've recorded your audio, if you like, you can record some

2. VIDEO [also optional]

- After you've made the audio recording, take off your phones/buds and make a video recording of yourself singing the song. Again, sing along to one of the pre-recorded tracks.
- Sing the whole song, being animated and creative (if you feel like it).
- This might actually be easiest to do on a phone, many of which come with built-in video cameras.
- Any format okay, LANDSCAPE Orientation (wide, not tall) preferred

If you DON'T want to do this in two steps, feel free just to make a video, with you singing, or just to do audio, or whatever you like.

3. UPLOAD FILES (Links provided above)

4. ARTWORK

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 of Virus Covid Edition for the slideshow (spike protein, anybody? Or RNA? Phlegm and slime, even!). 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 Dropbox link above. 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](#)

Remember, **the more artwork we have, the less we need your videos.** 😁

5. DEADLINES (provided above)

Thanks, everybody! --Sue and David