

Coppell Children's Chorus Guide to Spring 2021

As we move into our second (and hopefully last) Covid Semester and in order to endeavor to serve everyone and provide a full Coppell Children's Chorus experience, the Coppell Community Chorale Board would like to provide you with the brief Guide to the Spring 2021.

Our Spring semester programming takes into account all the lessons we learned in the Summer and Fall semester as we produced an unprecedented four concerts in four months time and started a children's choir - during a pandemic, at that. The CCC Board Member volunteers and Covid Team have worked tirelessly to ensure best practices and procedures during this time.

Spring Semester important dates:

Monday, January 25th - First Spring Rehearsal for In-Person and Virtual Singers
Monday, February 15 - NO Rehearsal
Monday, March 15, NO Rehearsal
Monday March 22nd - Last Virtual Rehearsal
Friday, March 26th - Virtual Recordings Due
Thursday, April 8th - Technical Rehearsal, Main Hall (In-Person only)
Sunday, April 11th - "Vibrant Tones" Concert Performance @ 3pm
Monday, April 12th - Virtual Talent Show Rehearsals begin
Saturday, May TBD - Tentative Outdoor Performance in the Grove during Farmer's Market
Monday, May TBD - Virtual Singer Talent Show

Rehearsal Schedule*:

5:00 - 6:00PM Virtual Choir, Zoom
5:00 - 5:30PM In-Person Choir, Recital Hall
5:30 - 6:00PM In-Person Choir, Main Hall

*a few select rehearsals might be **Virtual for all singers** as indicated by Miss Baker. Those dates will be announced as soon as possible.

Covid-19 Response:

Recommended Mitigations* that will continue throughout the Spring for IN-PERSON activities:

1. 30 minute rehearsal slots
2. Changing of rehearsal locations after 30 minutes
3. Masks worn at all times (even when singing!)
4. Singers 7ft+ apart
5. Limited number of singers in ensembles (no more than 16 in-person)
6. Thermal Scan and hands sanitized upon arrival
7. Virtual, Distanced and Livestream performances

*As there is no consortium of community choirs, these mitigations stem from a large aerosol study commissioned by the National Federation of State High School Associations, the College Band Directors National Association and a coalition of 125 performing arts organizations. This research is led by teams at the University of Colorado and the University of Maryland and their findings and updates can be found [here](#). All mitigations are adapted from the Coppell Community Chorale adult rehearsal model.

Virtual Offerings: We realize that the virtual experience cannot truly replicate the in-person choral experience, but it does offer a method of rehearsal, musical education and participation for those who are unable to join us in-person. We must continue to limit our virtual choir selections for several reasons. The virtual choir director, direction and performance videos take a lot of time to put together: approximately 80 to 100 volunteer hours per selection, who mix individual audio for quality as well as produce a visually interesting video for the audience at home.

- Rehearsals will be offered via Zoom Monday evenings at 5-6pm, from January 25 - March 22
- Singers will perform two virtual selections for the concert
- Performance recordings can be provided by individual submissions
- New for the Spring Semester - Virtual performance recording sessions available by appointment with Miss Baker or volunteer from the Coppell Community Chorale
- Recordings due Friday, March 26th
- Songs performed virtually will be taught to ALL singers. It is expected that ALL singers participate in the performance (i.e. - Turn in your video!)

Spring Semester Performances:

Vibrant Tones Concert

- Concert scheduled for Sunday, April 11th @ 3pm
- Assumed to be inside the main hall
- Limited number of family members will be allowed to attend (as of January 2021)
- Virtual Choir pieces will premiere during this concert
- We plan for this concert to be live-streamed as well
- Singers will perform in their choir t-shirt and jeans as per the Singer Handbook

Outdoor May Performance (In-Person)

- In the Grove (area in front of the Arts Center)
 - Possible dates: Saturday, May 8th or Saturday, May 15th
- During Farmer's Market Hours (9am - 12pm)
- Will Sing Vibrant Tones Repertoire and possibly 2-3 new additions
- Virtual participation is likely NOT possible due to time constraints

Virtual Talent Show

- Held the Monday after the Outdoor May Performance during regular rehearsal time
- Singers will work with Mrs Hartzell during late April and Early May during rehearsals - by appointment
- All singers may participate, but virtual singers are encouraged to work on more than one selection.
- The performances will not be live-streamed, but singers will perform live for each other on Zoom.
- Singers are encouraged to sing, dance, act - whatever talent they would like to share.
- All selections must be approved by Mrs. Hartzell and/or Miss Baker
- More information will be available as we get closer to May