

Peace for the Children **Virtual Choir Instructions**

Here is everything you need for our virtual choir anthem, "Peace for the Children."

Videos are due by **Saturday, October 31, 2020.**

Learn Your Music

1. Review the song. The first verse is intended for children or treble voices. You may choose to sing this, or not. Be careful to follow the instructions regarding which voices sing at what time.
2. Listen to the mp3 for your voice part and make sure you know the song. (You will use this mp3 recording when you record.)

Make Your Video

Some things to think about:

- We want to capture your voice only, not what you are singing along to.
- You might find it best to only wear one earbud or one ear of your headphones so that you can hear yourself better as you sing.
- If you can use a music stand or book holder to hold your music, we will get more eye contact from you on the video.
- Play around with what looks best. Make sure to set up your recording space where there is no ambient noise; background fans, traffic, birds, family, tvs etc can make it difficult to include a video.
- Set yourself up so that you can STAND to sing if at all possible.
- Be mindful of the lighting and check out what's in the background shot of your video.

1. Get yourself ready.

- You'll need a device to play the mp3 recording and headphones or earbuds to connect to it.
- You'll need a separate device to record yourself on.
- You will hear a countdown 3 2 1 CLAP. Make sure to do this and clap on your recording. (It helps us line up the recordings when we're editing.)

2. PICK ONE of the following directions depending on what you are using to record your video.

Recording with a smartphone or iPad:

1. You can use the camera on your device to make a video. Go to the camera app, as if you were going to take a photo, and switch from photo mode to video mode. It is important the device is situated in such a way that it will not be moving or shaking — so it could be resting against a shelf, on a music stand or on a tripod.
2. Make sure you are shooting the video in landscape orientation – no vertical videos, please!
3. Press record to begin recording yourself.
4. THEN press play on the mp3.
5. Sing along to the mp3. Sing out nice and full as if you were in choir. Don't forget the clap at the beginning!
6. Press stop. (On both the mp3 and your device.)
7. Watch it back, to make sure you're happy with it. If you need to, repeat the above steps.

Recording with a MacBook

1. You can use the Photo Booth app on your device to make a video. Go to the Photo Booth app, as if you were going to take a photo, and switch from photo mode to video mode. It is the bottom left of the screen and looks like a video reel.
2. Make sure you are shooting the video in landscape orientation – no vertical videos, please!
3. Press record.
4. THEN press play on the mp3.
5. Sing along to the mp3. Sing out nice and full as if you were in choir. Don't forget the clap at the beginning!
6. Press stop. (On both the mp3 and your device.)
7. Save your video somewhere where you can find it.
8. Watch it back, to make sure you're happy with it. If you need to, repeat the above steps.

Recording with a Windows Computer

1. You can use the Camera program on your device to make a video. Go to the Camera program, as if you were going to take a photo, and switch from photo mode to video mode.
2. Make sure you are shooting the video in landscape orientation – no vertical videos, please!
3. Press record.
4. THEN press play on the mp3.
5. Sing along to the mp3. Sing out nice and full as if you were in choir. Don't forget the clap at the beginning!
6. Press stop. (On both the mp3 and your device.)
7. Save your video somewhere where you can find it.

8. Watch it back, to make sure you're happy with it. If you need to, repeat the above steps.

Submit Your Video

1. Once you are happy with your video, make sure it's saved on your device.
2. Name your file in this format: "Music United Virtual Choir - <name>, <voice type>"
3. Send the file to Thom Varey and Jason Locke (see instructions below). They will give it a quick listen and make sure it's ready to go. If there are any major problems, they may be in touch to have a conversation about perhaps fixing it. If everything is good, Thom will then perform his magic by combining all the videos into one virtual choir.
4. To send the file, use WeTransfer (the video is too large for an email).
 - a. Go to wetransfer.com.
 - b. Enter two email addresses in the sender field: jason@islingtonunited.org and tvvarey@gmail.com.
 - c. Enter your own email address in the appropriate field.
 - d. In the message field, write Music United Virtual Choir <name> <voice part>
 - e. Click on the big + to add your video file. Alternately, you can "drag-and-drop" your file over the webpage. It could take a few minutes to upload, so be patient!
 - f. Once everything is ready to send, click "Transfer." You will be asked to verify your email address. Simply go to your own email account and find the security code that WeTransfer has sent to you, enter it on the WeTransfer page, click "verify" and the file will send! The sending may also take a few minutes.
5. We will confirm that we've received your video and let you know whether there is anything further to be done. Have fun!

The Waiting

1. It's all done!
2. You just have to wait for the final video, which will be available to you on December 1, 2020. So mark that date into your calendar!

We're so excited that you're going to be a part of this project! If you have any questions, please let us know by emailing Jason at jason@islingtonunited.org. Thanks!