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18:52:57 From bradforddumont : Jane we can hear you

18:55:45 From Jane Arsham : All set

18:57:27 From Jane Arsham : Are you recording this?

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19:01:25 From Alison La Rosa : Who else here went to ACDA?

19:01:55 From Alison La Rosa : This is so cool seeing everyone join us! Welcome!

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19:04:08 From cem : just saying hello: “cem” = Carol Marton, dir. Koleinju, Boston’s Jewish Community Chorus

19:06:34 From Alison La Rosa : Hi Carol, welcome!

19:07:22 From nickpage : What other softwares besides ZOOM are there?

19:07:29 From Becky Siebens : Options for continuing to conduct rehearsals in some form so our singers continue to connect and we are ready to perform as soon as we can when it’s possible to do so.

19:07:37 From Mary Cunningham : How far out are people cancelling/ how near in are concerts still on?

19:07:46 From Megan Kemp : Has anyone found any platforms that work well to sing for virtual rehearsals?

19:07:48 From bobf : Bob from A Besere Velt here. Wondering if there are options ... oh I see that Nick alrady asked my question!

19:07:55 From victoriacook : Apart from concerts, what other types of events have people had to cancel or put on hold?

19:07:58 From zoey : Has anyone had successful virtual rehearsals with over 50 people? If so, how? Any tips around this would be very helpful.

19:08:02 From nickpage : Is there a software where large groups can sing in sync with each other? I know there are some for small groups.

19:08:03 From marymarcell : Hello! HS choir teacher here looking for ways to move into remote learning…Does anyone know how to do the for lack of a better description “Do the Eric Whitacre virtual choir thing?”

19:08:13 From Ekaterina Anoshkin : I am still in search what program/app to use for singing... Is that possible to sing at all? whatever I tried did not really worked becuase fo the delays. The best sound quality though wast with Face time

19:08:13 From victoriacook : How is this impacting everyone’s next season - are you planning to restructure your season?

19:08:16 From Jane Arsham : Hoping we can establish a set of best practices over time with regard to using virtual technology for chorus -teaching, learning and connecting

19:08:20 From Becky Siebens : How are people handling paying for “staff” for concerts that will not be given / rehearsals that are not being connected?

19:08:45 From Alison La Rosa : Great questions, everyone!

19:08:46 From yoshi : Many of the relief funds and tools that are being created are terrific but they are for individual artistic . 1> What resources are available for choruses — funds, tools for shared performance, etc. And 2. If they are missing, how do we collectively advocate for them

19:09:11 From yoshi : (Individual artists)

19:09:12 From Jonathan Saxton : Are there choruses that are at near-term risk of their viability as a result of all of the cancelations?

19:09:15 From Megan Kemp : Has anyone used Slack or similar platforms to allow for community engagement? If so, do you have any sets of "terms of use" or guidelines for moderation that have worked/not worked?

19:09:20 From Kiara : How are people staying connected with membership at this time? We are using Zoom (for socials during our regular time), plus Facebook, email, and What's App. Looking for other ways to keep membership engaged (we have cancelled all rehearsals through the end of April, likely will no longer rehearse this season).

19:09:22 From nickpage : Is there a software where people have to pay for membership so the files are only available to them?

19:12:55 From bradforddumont : First 4 articles are about COVID response for choirs: https://blog.chorusconnection.com/

19:13:35 From bradforddumont : Thanks to Tori Cook who I believe just walked into the chat room!

19:13:58 From Ekaterina Anoshkin : did you have delays? was the other end singing along or after the demonstration?

19:14:07 From Ekaterina Anoshkin : Sorry question to Mick

19:14:11 From Ekaterina Anoshkin : Nick!

19:16:04 From marymarcell : Has anyone had any experience creating a garage band mix where each person would create their own track???

19:20:56 From Sarah Spinella : I heard that there are some sound settings that are better in zoom, explained here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&amp;v=50NoWIiYECA&amp;fbclid=IwAR2jDjMiaGKTBJWPqEMMytJM35vbXgWfIMB2y9BMB1g4606T6Jfc\_zFQqj0&amp;app=desktop. I have not tried this myself, perhaps others have?

19:22:41 From Tom Rarich : where is the blog just mentioned?

19:22:50 From bradforddumont : https://blog.chorusconnection.com/

19:23:05 From bradforddumont : The first 4 articles are about COVID.

19:23:57 From Tom Rarich : has anyone tried using youtube videos to proved all the parts to listen to when singing along?

19:28:03 From yoshi : I have a suggestion for later. Maybe people could benefit from a zoom training webinar for GBCC members that we could invite Artistic Directors to attend.

19:30:54 From Alison La Rosa : Re: fees, does anyone know if the union is relaxing its rules given these unusual circumstances?

19:34:29 From Kiara : Our concert was scheduled for Sanders, they refunded us in full.

19:34:46 From Kiara : And all our patrons were refunded in full.

19:35:20 From victoriacook : We had a tricky situation with a hotel contract, but we did state force majeure in that case and they gave us a full refund as well as refunded our pre-paid monies.

19:35:55 From zoey : We have only canceled rehearsals through March for now - our concerts are in June. We were able to get money back for our rehearsal space for our canceled rehearsals, so far.

19:37:55 From nickpage : I’ll be back. I have another zoom session. Nick

19:38:06 From bradforddumont : Thanks Nick!

19:40:09 From ECP : As a performer with a variety of contracts with organizations of differing scales and missions, it’s been most comforting to me that many of those that could be rescheduled in the future would be, and that I would still be able to be a part of that performance when it happened. Even if I weren’t being paid immediately, which frankly I wouldn’t expect, I’m happy to know there is a future. I know that’s not possible with every ensemble, especially those with lesser room for future programming changes.

19:52:42 From Kiara : After we moved the concert from Sanders to our home church, we sold tickets again. We fully refunded those tickets.

19:54:37 From Linda Gritz : Might be good to connect with audience by sending them videos or other recordings that they can view online (e..g, youtube channel).

19:56:05 From victoriacook : Can you share your FB page?

19:58:37 From victoriacook : Different for every travel company - but I would expect a partial refund for most.

19:59:47 From marymarcell : Can someone quickly explain how to access (forward?) a recording of this meeting? This is super helpful!!

20:00:05 From Brad Dumont : It will be posted on our website afterward!

20:00:09 From Brad Dumont : :)

20:00:32 From Alison La Rosa : Hi Mary, our plan is to put it on the member site after the meeting: bostonsings.org/members

20:00:43 From marymarcell : Thanks so much

20:01:39 From Jane Arsham : I need to leave now— thanks for making this happen- we are all struggling with the same issues and it’s good to hear different perspectives.

20:01:53 From ECP : Jamie – if you’re referring to schools asking for refunds, I would say it would be prudent for the administrator to prepare for a refund frenzy…especially schools that will want their money back to allocate to other specific needs

20:02:00 From Brad Dumont : Thanks Jane!

20:02:39 From victoriacook : Choir Choir Choir did this great sing-along the other night. It was a really easy format. They sent out lyrics to songs that most people know and they had a guitar player. And he would play and sing. And you would just sing along at home.

20:02:56 From Kiara : I participated! Very fun :)

20:03:09 From Jamie Hillman : This is a video from one of my students. She’s singing while washing her hands. A pretty funny video.

20:04:31 From Brad Dumont : Nick, Zoey, Yoshi, Ruth

20:04:51 From Brad Dumont : Kiara after them.

20:05:10 From victoriacook : Nick - I love all of the creative stuff you have going on. Kudos to you and your amazing volunteer team!

20:05:15 From yoshi : Could we share a resource for GBCC of the kinds of things Nick is talking about

20:05:55 From marymarcell : And Nick, would that resource be available to those of us not connected to your group—or could it be?

20:06:09 From Brad Dumont : Yes, we can plan to compile a series of resources from GBCC.

20:06:10 From Kiara : Zoey, we did the same thing! It was great.

20:06:53 From Jamie Hillman : For anyone who directs a church/religious choir: https://www.facebook.com/VirtualHymnSings/

20:11:21 From victoriacook : I think there’s a real fear for some choruses of losing members if they don’t stay connected

20:15:14 From ECP : Many of my students at Colby and members of my community chorus in Waterville commented that they wanted additional listening and resources to get them through the long pause since many of them were reticent about online lessons and rehearsals and stuff. This week I started a podcast: “CHORantine” – which is a PRX-style podcast about random choral/vocal music and related/non-related topics. The pacing is fast paced and engaging like our rehearsals and classes tend to be, but also full of humour, information, and empathy. So far, the response has been really astounding. While perhaps not the most hands-on for individual members, it seems to have sparked a lot of musical curiosity and imagination. For me as an educator and a public radio hound, it’s been tremendously rewarding to have the time to put these materials together as an entertaining supplement to my teaching.

20:15:15 From yoshi : There is an app for that — watching the MET together. it used to be called Rabbit but is now called Kast.

20:16:02 From ECP : Now is the time to be creative in our leadership. I love the hand washing video idea…brilliant.

20:16:22 From Cynthia Sacco : OMG, CHORantine.

20:16:26 From Nathan Reich : Ahhh, now I have audio.

20:16:58 From Jennifer F Smith : Thank you everyone — this is a great conversation, and I’m inspired to see so many here who care so passionately about making music in (and for) our community!

20:17:52 From victoriacook : Also, quaran-sing :)

20:18:22 From Cynthia Sacco : There is a Raise Hand feature in Zoom... if you to to Participants, select Raise Hand in the right hand navigation window that pops up.

20:18:29 From Sarah Spinella : And quaran- tune :)

20:18:46 From Kiara : Brad, I'm calling the way time is happening in this period of chaos as "QuaranTime" it has no rhyme or reason

20:18:54 From ECP : Social DistanSING

20:19:08 From marymarcell : Brilliant.

20:19:13 From Cynthia Sacco : Love it!

20:19:13 From Jamie Hillman : Thank you, Brad et al. Sorry to run. We have such a wonderful choral community in Boston. I’m encouraged!

20:19:26 From victoriacook : Sorry Brad, we’re running over here

20:19:32 From victoriacook : \*punning

20:19:55 From Nathan Reich : At least they won't be tangentsssss. :0)

20:20:10 From Brad Dumont : Omg stop.

20:20:15 From Brad Dumont : Tori next!

20:20:57 From marymarcell : Even if it wasn’t video…but audio...

20:21:35 From victoriacook : I’m investigating one more app right now. Sing by Smile. I don’t think it will work, but I’m trying to experiment with it now.

20:21:44 From victoriacook : \*Smule

20:22:14 From Linda Gritz : Audacity can do multiple audio tracks (not video).

20:22:25 From Martin Heller : and if people are out of tune….

20:23:16 From Kiara : This is a resourceful bunch, it is SO encouraging!

20:23:58 From Brad Dumont : TRUTH!

20:24:48 From marymarcell : So, sorry…where was the 20 second hand wishing video??

20:24:54 From marymarcell : washing...

20:25:37 From yoshi : The MCC just did a zoom that had resources from an arts org financial planner. She offered links to a cash flow projecting tool and a scenario testing tool. Might be useful for us all.

20:25:39 From Martin Heller : At 8:03

20:26:09 From Sarah Spinella : https://nff.org/covid-19-tools-and-resources-nonprofits

20:26:19 From Sarah Spinella : ^that was from the MCC Zoom

20:26:56 From lee : Can someone post Jamie Hillman’s video again. I missed it and can’t get up to the top of chat.

20:27:55 From Brad Dumont : Chorus America Impact Survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc\_HBykuxBNI\_aisUsD7yi7a7f9qPoWul3SIcvkoG3nBhp0SQ/viewform

20:28:14 From John S : Hello Everyone, I hope that this email finds you as well as you can be given the circumstances we are facing. As you know, the impacts of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) on Boston’s arts sector are immense. Many organizations are experiencing significant revenue losses due to canceled events and programming, as well as venue closures. The Mayor’s Office of Arts and Culture has been in close conversation with our partners at the Massachusetts Cultural Council, MassCreative, the New England Foundation for the Arts, as well as our local arts service organizations and funders to discuss ways we can collaborate and help mitigate the financial impact on Boston’s arts organizations.I have been in touch with many of you in the last week, hearing stories of cancelations, emergency response, and looming financial questions. At the same time, I have also seen groups form quickly to support each other, programs adapt overnight, and organizations stretch themselves to keep workers paid. The best thing we can do

20:28:26 From Elizabeth Tonkins-Agea : The NH SBA is offering loans to non profits - may not work for all for might be work looking in to

20:28:48 From Ekaterina Anoshkin : Thank you to all for such informative meeting, it was great to see and hear all!!! I have to run and pull my kid out of one of his screens:))

20:28:48 From Elizabeth Tonkins-Agea : The loans can be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can’t be paid because of the disaster’s impact, said the agency.For more information, contact the Office of Emergency Management’s Joint Information Center 603-223-6169 or jic@dos.nh.gov.

20:28:52 From yoshi : Lee, there is a save chat function if you click the three dots.

20:29:00 From victoriacook : Americans for the Arts Impact Survey: https://www.americansforthearts.org/by-topic/disaster-preparedness/coronavirus-covid-19-resource-and-response-center#impact

20:29:09 From Alison La Rosa : Hi Ruth! Yes, we are saving the transcript

20:30:01 From victoriacook : Americans for the Arts Advocacy Request: artsactionfund.org/action-center?vvsrc=%2fCampaigns%2f72638%2fRespond

20:30:03 From yoshi : Please do post it just for the bad puns alone.

20:30:25 From victoriacook : Performing Arts Alliance Impact Survey: https://www.theperformingartsalliance.org/issues/voter-voice/?vvsrc=%2Fcampaigns%2F72358%2Frespond

20:30:47 From Alison La Rosa : From Kara at ArtsBoston: "I would like to invite you to join us for a weekly call to go over updates about the coronavirus, the impact it’s having on Boston’s arts and cultural sector, and resources we’ve gathered to help address this public health crisis. We’d also like to hear about your organizations’ experiences and what we can do to help. Please join us on Friday, March 20 at 3 p.m. using this link (Meeting ID: 633 496 559 Password: 001708). "

20:33:20 From cem : YIKES

20:36:23 From victoriacook : I think a scary reality is that people in our communities could potentially contract the virus and become seriously ill or even pass away. And preparing mentally for that potential situation feels like too much for me at this moment.

20:36:40 From Brad Dumont : Yoshi next!

20:37:00 From victoriacook : I’ve heard Greater Seattle Consortium \*may\* be planning a big community sing after for their choruses.

20:37:16 From Brad Dumont : Sorry Yoshi, now your next!

20:37:34 From Ron Lacro’s iPhone : offering livestream concerts at first might help

20:37:55 From Kiara : or free concerts!

20:37:56 From cem : Thanks so much for this gathering and all the great ideas, foks - Carol

20:38:56 From Brad Dumont : Nick next.

20:39:31 From zoey : Yoshi - yes, Voices Rising is excited about this too!

20:39:39 From Alison La Rosa : Thank YOU, Coro! We appreciate your membership :)

20:39:40 From Megan Kemp : One of the reasons CCC hasn't let go of our mid-May concert date yet is the idea that even if we aren't able to prep for our concert, we might still be able to use it as a way to host an Open Sing of some sort. Even if it is June/July/August - That might be a great way of getting our groups back together a large public Open Sing of something in Celebration.

20:39:57 From Ron Lacro’s iPhone : some singers may feel hesitant at first about gathering again. hopefully the science will be clear about risks at that time

20:40:08 From yoshi : Zoey! YAY!

20:40:16 From Brad Dumont : That’s great Megan! A good way to potentially take advantage of the return without forcing a concert.

20:41:44 From yoshi : our idea is for after the pandemic

20:42:34 From Kiara : that's the QuaranTime!

20:43:09 From peterpulsifer : Too may puns!

20:43:22 From Brad Dumont : Too few.

20:46:24 From victoriacook : This was fun

20:46:27 From Nathan Reich : Same.

20:46:31 From Sarah Spinella : Thank you for organizing this!

20:46:42 From Cynthia Sacco : Thanks for putting this together.

20:46:44 From yoshi : Thank you. this really helped. <3

20:46:45 From Kiara : Really grateful to have had this time with everyone and hear from everyone!

20:46:49 From lee : And you’ll send the CHAT log to us all?

20:46:58 From Linda Gritz : can we all sing something together, even out of sync?

20:47:08 From Alison La Rosa : HI Lee, yes, the chat will also be posted!

20:47:25 From Mary Cunningham : Thanks All - good to be together- great ideas

20:47:34 From marymarcell : So grateful!!

20:47:35 From bobf : Thanks so much to GBCC!

20:47:36 From Megan Kemp : Thanks GBCC, I think this was quite helpful, even just to understand how "in the same boat" we are all finding ourselves. Alway great to see the community coming together.

20:47:47 From Elizabeth Tonkins-Agea : Glad to have been able to join although missed part.

20:47:49 From Becky Siebens : Great to do this! Thank you!!!

20:50:46 From Linda Gritz : Perfect, thanks!!!

20:50:56 From victoriacook : My husband thinks I’m a weirdo right now

20:51:06 From Nathan Reich : Peace!

20:51:06 From victoriacook : Thank you Nick!

20:51:08 From victoriacook : bye

20:51:30 From yoshi : Thank you GBCC! <3

20:52:22 From Alison La Rosa : Thanks, everyone! Great conversation!

20:52:53 From Brad Dumont : Tori, same.

20:53:05 From victoriacook : Thanks Brad, Alison, GBCC. Appreciate all the info!

20:54:10 From Alison La Rosa : Thanks, Tori, for bringing so many great ideas and resources to the table!

20:56:15 From Kiara : it's not nonsense!

20:56:26 From Brad Dumont : It’s brilliant.

20:58:34 From Alison La Rosa : Thanks for joining, Megan!

20:58:47 From Alison La Rosa : And Zoey!

20:58:48 From Kiara : Thank you to everyone who organized this and I look forward to staying connected with all these other choruses! Choirs unite!

21:00:23 From Kiara : Thank you everyone!