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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rachelle Randeem

So! Here we are! At **home** during what is our busiest time of the year, experiencing a cavalcade of emotions as we meander through our personal COVID-19 chronicles. Many of you may love this challenge, while others are mourning this unexpected road to retirement. Several are finding this season as something to walk through as peacefully and joyfully as possible. Parents of young children are working to homeschool their offspring in addition to excelling as online music educators.

Our students are struggling, but they are also versed in the ability to change quickly! Generation Z (born between 1996-2009, give or take a couple years) welcomes change. Truthfully, they may help us adapt to change better as they can easily shift course without too much stress! They love new ideas and experiences and enjoy being informed and passionate about their world. Chaos & unrest propels them to get involved and make a difference.

Our students do not remember a world before 9/11 and the war on terror. Many of their families were significantly impacted by the 2008 recession. Sadly, school shootings are a common headline in their newsfeed. They cannot comprehend a world without handheld devices.

Interestingly, all these experiences have inspired them to change the world. Generation Z is filled with entrepreneurs that have seen peers find digital and financial success occur overnight. They have all the information necessary at their fingertips to make anything they imagine happen. Being very opinionated, creative and innovative, they are confident their ideas are just as valuable as anyone else, no matter the age.

Driven by competition within themselves, against others, or against the clock, Gen-Z'ers prefer to work independently, to win and to do whatever's necessary to achieve their goals. They also love structure, deadlines and the ability to track their grades at any moment of the day. Obviously, burnout is a significant concern...teaching about mindfulness is imperative.

Generation Z use their devices for entertainment, but still prefer face-to-face human contact whenever possible in their very diverse worlds. Race/religion/sexual orientation/gender preference is not something they are concerned with. "What you are" is more important than "who you are."

As we begin to reinvent the choral education "wheel", let's gain vitality from Gen-Z's strengths! What could it look like if we began to innovate and improvise in order to adapt to these unprecedented times in the same manner our students are adjusting. This transition may be an opportunity for creativity and new possibilities. We can reflect on what might be achieved by reorganizing and modernizing our viewpoint, repertoire and curriculum. Regardless of the generation we teach, or the circumstances we encounter, I suspect we can all agree with these statements from philosopher William James (1842-1910):

*"I don't sing because I'm happy. I'm happy because I sing."
"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."*

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR CHOIR 2020 GET READY!

Mark your calendars:

- **MONDAY, AUGUST 18** – Online Audition Applications Open
- **FRIDAY, SEPT. 11** – Online Audition Registration Closes
- **TUESDAY, SEPT. 15** – Audition Times/Locations confirmed online
- Preliminary Audition Dates: Saturday, September 26 and Saturday, October 3 (locations TBD)
- **SATURDAY, SEPT. 26 (12pm-4pm)** – Audition Option #1 **OR** **SATURDAY, OCT. 3 (9am-1pm)** – Audition Option #2
- **THURSDAY, NOV. 19-SATURDAY, NOV. 21** – Honor Choir Weekend (Singers Must Be Available All Days!)

**Note – check all dates including SAT/ACT tests, sporting events, school & community performing schedules, etc. BEFORE auditioning. See Honor Choir Guidelines at www.scvachoral.org*

“Spotlight on Women Conductors”

SATB HONOR CHOIR

*Dr. Betsy Cook Weber
University of Houston*

SSAA HONOR CHOIR

*Dr. Iris Levine
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona*

TTBB HONOR CHOIR

*Julie Dana
Fresno City College*

Auditions Include:

*Art Song
Major & Chromatic Scales
Major and Minor Triads
Tonal Memory
Sight-Reading*

Search Youtube For “SCVA Sample” Audition Video for Reference!

**POST IN YOUR
CLASSROOM
TODAY!**

**DIRECTORS MUST
BE MEMBERS OF
SCVA – RENEW
TODAY!**

**START PREPARING
FOR AUDITIONS
TODAY!**

**DON'T MISS THIS
GREAT
OPPORTUNITY FOR
MUSICAL GROWTH!**

¿HAVE QUESTIONS?

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Step One: Go to www.scvachoral.org

Step Two: Log-in to your Members Only page

Step Three: VOTE by May 31st midnight or use this link:

http://scvachoral.org/members_only_home.php



SCVA 2020 SUMMER CHATS

Saturday, August 1, 4-6 pm - Pasadena
Host - Molly Peters, mepeters79@gmail.com

Tuesday, August 4, 6-8 pm - Studio City
Host - Marisa Rawlins-Bradfield,
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Wednesday, August 5, 4-6 pm - Corona
Host - Rachele Randeem,
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Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 4-6 pm - Fullerton
Host - Matt Netto, matthew_netto@jusd.k12.ca.us

Friday, August 14, 6:30-8:30 pm - Rancho Cucamonga
Host - Bethany Encina, bethany.encina@cjuhsd.net

August TBD - Irvine
Host - Tina Peterson, tgpeterson@mac.com

Also, please join us for our weekly Zoom Community Chat on Wednesdays from May 6th - June 3rd. Be on the lookout for emails with the meeting codes

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, September 25, 2020
Placentia Presbyterian
849 Bradford Ave, Placentia, CA

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IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

	2020
High School Honor Choir Online Audition Applications Open	August 18
High School Honor Choir Online Audition Applications Close	September 11
High School Honor Choir Audition Times/Locations Posted Online	September 15
High School Honor Choir Auditions @ Various Sites	September 26
SCVA Fall In-Service	September 25
High School Honor Choir Auditions @ Various Sites	October 3
High School Honor Choir Audition Results Posted	October 17
Festival Host Registration Deadline	October 1
Festival Registration Opens	October 15
High School Honor Choir Weekend (3 days THIS YEAR!)	November 19-21
High School Honor Choir Performance	November 21