

Princeton Society of Musical Amateurs

Virtual Sing Tips & Tricks

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Recommendations:

- Singers may prefer using the scrolling vocal score that will be shared in Zoom video.
 - You won't have to worry about getting lost.
 - Be prepared that the score size changes during the double choruses, so you may need to zoom in to see your part.
- Instrumentalists and singers who are uncomfortable with the scroll can use a physical or digital copy of the score.
 - For members, copies of vocal and instrumental scores will be available in Rogers' shed per our usual practice
 - A free imslp.org digital copy of the score is available on our website - click [here](#).
- Download and install the Zoom app – either before you try to join the meeting or if prompted when you try to join. If you already have the Zoom app, check that you have the most recent version.

Before you connect to Zoom:

- Check the Speaker Volume Control on your device – make sure it is not muted or turned down too low.
- Close all programs except your browser and Zoom. This will improve your audio quality once you connect.
- Headphones are optional, but may improve the quality of sound you're getting and provide a more immersive experience.
- Plan to sign into the Zoom meeting 10-15 minutes early – especially if you think you may have any issues connecting.

After you connect to Zoom:

- Be sure to connect audio so you can hear us. If you are having trouble hearing verify settings for Zoom audio and your device speakers. Turn off your video if the audio quality is poor. You may control your own volume level, as each Zoom connection will be different.
- Leave your video off once the program starts; this improves the audio quality. There will be time at the end of the sing for everyone to unmute and turn on video and socialize. Promise.
- Make sure the Zoom Chat Window is visible. Exit Full Screen View if that is your default. Then click on the Chat icon at the bottom of the screen.
- Switch your View to Standard View, if that is not the default, for a clearer view of the speakers and the scrolling score.

For the reading

- Everyone will be muted while we sing. We will allow people to unmute for 15-20 minutes at the end for those who want to connect.
- It is your choice to stand or sit for the reading. Those with physical scores may want to stand. Those using the scrolling score may want to sit to be nearer to the music unless their device can be set up to permit a good view of the screen while standing.
- For the double chorus movements, choose whichever chorus you would like to be a part of.

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Use Chat to report problems, feedback, and suggestions.
An administrator will be monitoring Chat throughout the sing.