

Clearfield Choral Society

Rehearsal Plan – Fall/Winter 2020 Cycle

(All protocol listed below were created according to recommendations from ACDA (American Choral Director's Association), Colorado State University Aerosol Studies, International Aerosol Studies, Chorus America, and recommendations from local choral programs. The goal is to provide a safe environment which mitigates the spread of COVID-19, adhering to social distancing and mask mandates.)

It has been a challenging four months, at points seeming that singing together would be but a distant memory. It is through challenging times however, that we recognize what is truly important and what is “extra”. The road ahead is still filled with several bumps and cracks, but this time, knowing a little more about this virus, we can safely add singing and music back into our travels.

Our number one priority has and always will be the health and safety of our members. Following the advice of the American Choral Director's Association (ACDA), Chorus America, as well as numerous studies from Colorado State University, in addition to complying with the State Department of Health and the CDC, the Choral Society will take on a new format that will allow us to meet not only our safety needs, but also our musical needs. The protocol for this format as well as a timeline for re-opening can be read below.

Our restrictions also require us to be mindful of audiences. We have been blessed the past few years to have the church **filled** with people to support us. Because restrictions are still very fluid and ever-changing, we cannot risk the idea of having a live audience for the fall cycle. As a result, our Christmas concert this year will go virtual, guaranteeing that all our members will have a chance to perform and our audience to view, no matter what restrictions are placed at the time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mason Strouse, Catherine Mandell, Jacob Mandell, Ryan Sayers, or Scott Muirhead. We are very excited and look forward to making music with again!

Sincerely,
Your Choral Society Management Team

PROTOCOL:

1. Singers will be divided into smaller chamber groups of 10 – 12 singers each, in addition to a conductor and an accompanist. Chamber choirs will have an equal distribution of parts and will perform either as a mixed, Soprano/Alto, or Tenor/Bass choir.
2. Chamber Choirs will be split between Catherine and Jacob Mandell. Mason Strouse will act as manager for all chamber choirs.
3. Chamber Choirs will rehearse in two locations: the main sanctuary and the small chapel. Each will have its own entrance, restroom usage, and health and safety plan to minimize contact and prevent large gatherings. *(Please see our “health and safety plan”)*
4. If choirs should rehearse on the same day in the same room, the room will be completely disinfected before the next choir arrives. Each room will make sure there is complete ventilation to allow for aerosol droplets to move freely and not become stagnant. *(Please see our “health and safety plan”)*
5. Chamber Choirs will each perform three to four pieces, which will fit together into a larger program.
6. *NEW THIS YEAR* = Rehearsal Tracks will be made for every piece prior to the first rehearsal. They will be accessible in a variety of platforms. A playlist of all music will be created as well.
6. Rehearsals will be forty-five minutes to one hour in length every Sunday or every other weekend. We will still have rehearsals within the 7:00 – 9:00 timeframe.
7. The Christmas Concert will be a pre-recorded, edited video, which will be put live on our concert date. Each chamber choir will record their portion of the concert at separate times. The recording room will be completely disinfected for the next choir.
8. Registration for the Fall cycle will be \$20. Registration will be strictly online this year and will be made available in August. New members are being accepted. No new members will be accepted after registration closes. Registration will be sent via email, remind, on our facebook pages, and our upcoming website!
9. Music, rehearsal schedules, choir distribution, and payment collection will be operating “curbside pick-up” in mid-September at the CAST Office. *(Please see “Timeline” below)*
10. Virtual social events will be organized throughout the fall cycle since the entire choir is not able to meet.

11. Zoom-streaming will be available for members during the season who are sick and cannot come to rehearsal. Zoom will also act as an option for members who are not yet comfortable returning to in-person rehearsals.

12. This plan will be implemented in either the Green, Yellow, or hybrid phase of the Governor’s reopening directives. Should the Governor put us back into Red phase, the Choral Society will suspend rehearsals until it is safe to open again.

13. If the management team of the Choral Society or the Presbyterian Church deem it unsafe by the time of the first rehearsal to begin, an alternative plan will be put into place. This plan is to be determined.

-----**TIMELINE FOR RE-OPENING**-----

Monday, August 10 th	Online Registration OPEN
Friday, August 21 st	Online Registration CLOSES
Monday, September 14 th (10:30am – 11:30am)	Music & Materials “Curbside Pick-up”
Wednesday, September 16 th (4:30pm – 5:30pm)	Music & Materials “Curbside Pick-up”
Sunday, September 27 th	First Rehearsal
Saturday, December 5 th	Recording of Chamber Choirs for Concert Video
Sunday, December 13 th	Planned Launch Date for Concert Video

*Music & Material pick-up will take place at the CAST Office. If you are unable to meet the office hours, please arrange an appointment with Mason Strouse to pick up your materials PRIOR to the first rehearsal.