

Save our Songs – a semi-virtual project

Improve your singing technique
Get personal coaching
Individual singing lesson included
Develop your presentation

Meet other singers from all over the world
Participate in end-of-project video
Feel free & inspired despite Corona restrictions

Improve your singing technique and your presentation with this semi-virtual project!

Save our Songs combines the techniques used for contemporary virtual choir projects with your own development as a singer.

This is a very personal virtual project. Your presence is important since we'll be singing in a small ensemble (16-20 singers), and your voice counts!

How are the projects structured?

1. We take five weeks for the whole process described below.
2. Two choral part songs have been selected for each project.
3. All participants study their parts in these two songs.
4. These songs will be the basis for working your singing technique. At home you record your voice, listening for tone development, use of breath, clarity of vowels and consonants, etcetera.
5. The songs are also the basis for a 45 minute individual coaching session for improving your singing technique.
6. As a chorister, you know that rehearsing in a choir is so different from singing by yourself. Singing alone, and especially recording your voice, can be daunting. You keep hearing things that are 'wrong', and you may even have a strong inner critic that keeps you from singing freely. This is partly why choral singing is so liberating – one, your voice mixes with other voices, two, you are lifted up by the voices around you. So studying a choral part by yourself and then recording it requires courage. But please know that 1. you are not alone and 2. this may be something that we will have to get used to as singers.
7. You are not on your own! There are other singers from all over the world with whom you enter into this adventure. We will have two weekend Zoom sessions during the project, called Zoom Café, so we can get to know each other a little and evaluate how we are all doing. Also we can start an optional Facebook group.

How do I do it?

- Study your parts of the two songs at home. Sound files to practice to will be provided.
- A lively rehearsal video will inspire you to sing more freely and have fun.
- You will have access to extra videos, e.g. with singing exercises and background information.
- Once you know your parts well, you can start singing to the conductor's videos that will be provided.
- Then, practice recording your voice with an iPhone or another recording device. Don't worry about video-ing yourself. In this stage, it is just the sound that you need.
- Schedule a 45 minute session with Anke for personal feedback and practice on Zoom. During this individual singing lesson, we'll be working with your voice (tone development, use of breath, clarity of vowels and consonants).
- After the lesson, you send a test recording to Anke to receive final feedback. Once you're happy with your recording, send off the final version. It is out of your hands now, to be mixed in with the other voices and made ready for the by-product of this project: the video-clip.
- Now you can get your creative mind working, because this is where you need to start thinking about how you would present the song on video! You will receive more detailed instructions & inspiration during the course of the project.
- For the video, you record yourself singing but remember the sound you make is not important now as you've done that part already.
- Your appearance in the video will not be very long as you will be one of sixteen singers. So you want your presence to be strong! Tip: when performing, always exaggerate what you are doing, as the audience will always perceive less than what you are experiencing on the inside.
- During the course of the project, we will have two Zoom sessions so we get to know each other and talk music.

What is the duration of the project?

The timeline is five weeks. During those weeks you

- study your lines
- practice recording sound and video
- receive personalized coaching during a singing lesson with Anke
- practice some more with newly gained insights
- record the final sound recording and send off
- think about how you want to video record yourself
- record the video and send off

What will I have learned after I finished the project?

At the end of the project, you will have

- improved your singing technique
- worked individually and with personal coaching in a very focused way

- improved your critical ear and learned how to improve what you heard
- boosted your ability to sing on your own with confidence
- developed your presentation in front of a camera
- met fellow singers from different countries
- learned to use voice recording as a tool to monitor your singing
- learned about the technics of video and audio recording
- created your own visual story around the two songs
- received, as a souvenir, a beautiful virtual choir video-clip with YOU in it!

The fee for the project, including the individual coaching session on Zoom, is € 69.

To receive a booking form, please write to
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