

2020 Edition



Grand Philharmonic Choir

2020-2021

A Season Like No Other

The GPC Moves Online!

Join the Grand Philharmonic Choir for a weekly series of rehearsals, workshops, presentations and listening parties! The Grand Philharmonic Choir has been singing continuously since 1922, almost 100 years! And we won't stop singing now! The COVID-19 pandemic, however, means that we can't prepare for the season that we had planned. Instead, we will sing and learn from our homes, so that when we are able to sing together in-person again, we'll be ready!



Each week we'll meet from 7-8pm for a 1-hour sing-from-home-session:



•*Hone from Home*: sharpen your skills in sightreading, hearing and vocal technique. Receive instruction from the comfort of your home, with guest presenters.

•*Sing across Canada*: learn a newly commissioned work and sing with choristers from across the country. The pandemic has at once made us all more distant from each other, while also allowing us to be in closer contact with others through the marvels of technology. *Sing Across Canada* underscores that we are all in this together!

The Handel Project: One of Handel's earliest pieces as an "English" composer is his *Utrecht Te Deum*, written to commemorate the Peace Treaty of Utrecht. First performed in St Paul's Cathedral in 1713, this approachable and youthful work serves as our repertoire for online rehearsals focusing on performance practice, historical approach, articulation, tone, vowel

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•*The Mozart Project*: In the new year, we use Mozart's *Missa Brevis in D*, K. 194 for online rehearsals to focus on the building blocks for choral singing.



•*Special Presentations*: We'll dig into the history of some of the pieces we were to have performed this season with an in-depth musicological presentations.



Listening Parties: At the end of each 1-hour session, we'll have an opportunity to listen/watch a concert, rehearsal video or documentary together. It felt great to listen to concerts together each week when we had to cancel rehearsals last spring. The *Listening Parties* will curate a series of concerts and other video content for guided listening we can watch together. (Beginning at 8pm each Monday evening).

When the time is right...



•Pop-up Singing: As health regulations allow, we may begin to plan for small group, physically-distanced, masked, outdoor, in-person singing. There is no doubt that we all miss singing together! When the time is right, we will plan safe and responsible pop-up singing opportunities, just for ourselves!



The Community Sings: hopefully by spring 2021 there will be an ability to sing together, perhaps outdoors. The GPC will host a community sing-in in a public location bringing the wider community together if and when conditions allow.

The season is divided into two 12-week terms:

**September 14-Dec 8, 2020 &
January 11-April 26, 2021.**

**Note: there are no sessions held on Holidays
(Thanksgiving, Family Day, Easter Monday).**

**Looking forward to a
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