



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA VOCAL ASSOCIATION OCTOBER, 2020

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Drew Lewis

In the words of the Jerome Kern classic, “look for the silver lining, and try to find the sunny side of life.” I must say that while I find teaching online *weird* in so many ways, there are many benefits I’ve experienced in these first few weeks of the fall semester.

1. **Our world has expanded.** I am able to collaborate with other schools/students in new ways, reach out to clinicians that don’t even live in this state to work with my students, and connect with so many amazing friends and colleagues who are now just a “Zoom” call away!
2. **All my students are now “section leaders.”** There’s no hiding when you are recording assignments by yourself on Soundtrap (or Schoology)! I can see this pushing students to become stronger musicians and less reliant on the members of their sections.
3. **My students still need choir.** This is HUGE for me! I’ve already seen how much community and connection bring joy to their day. Even if they are unable to get the musical experience of singing together in the same space for now, they are craving the community that music classes bring.

My hope is that in the midst of all many challenges you are able to find positive outcomes in your classes as well.

The SCVA community is also there to help us find those *silver linings*. Renew your **membership** and be sure to take advantage of the events and support offered. Our board members have crafted some inspired events, like our **SCVA High School Honor Choir Symposium** and **SCVA Contemporary A Cappella & Vocal Jazz Studio Choir** which are being offered this fall. We are also continuing to host **SCVA Happy Hours** on the second Thursday of each month at 5PM. Please let your friends and colleagues know to join us as well. Be on the lookout for more creative and exciting opportunities for you and your students coming throughout the school year.

JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY

SCVA HAPPY HOUR OCTOBER 8 – 5PM

THREE DIFFERENT SESSIONS LED BY SCVA VP's
High School - Hosted by Michael Ushino and Bethany Encina
Vocal Jazz/A Cappella – Hosted by Christine Mocha and Kaitlin Holt
Elementary Music – Hosted by Theresa Thomasulo

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**HIGH SCHOOL
HONOR CHOIR**

VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM

NOVEMBER 21, 2020

Online
Applications

Close:
Oct 2

Application
Results

Posted:
Oct 9

What is it?
Not A Virtual Choir! An
Online Conference For Our
Talented High School
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And Be Inspired.

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Choral Yoga, Vocal Masterclass,
Virtual Reading Session, And Much
More!

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TUES OCT. 6TH

PRESENTS:



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Connection: Exploring What Is Possible

Nancy Ludwig, VPI Festivals



The SCVA Festivals Team hopes that you are all healthy and safe, and that the insanity of remote teaching is becoming less chaotic with each passing week. We realize that many programs will not be in a position to attend any type of traditional festival event come spring, however your SCVA Festivals team is moving toward offering the following opportunities to directors and ensembles, if it becomes safe to do so:

Adjudicator/Ensemble Connections

Individual Ensemble Zoom Clinic	*Directors send recording to Adjudicator ahead of time *Zoom Clinic with Adjudicator, Director, & Ensemble
Multi-Campus Zoom Clinic:	*Participating schools send recordings to Adjudicator *Participating ensembles attend a common Zoom session, listen to each other and each Clinic.
On-Campus Clinic:	*Traditional Clinic for one program

Details forthcoming, ideas are flowing, stay healthy everyone!

Jr. High Honor Choir

Amanda Benavides, Jr. High Honor Choir VP

INFORMATION ABOUT THE
2021 CHOIR WILL BE COMING
OUT IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER
AND THROUGH EMAIL.
BE ON THE LOOKOUT!



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IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

	2020
SCVA HC Honor Choir Virtual Symposium	Sep 14
Online Applications Open	
SCVA HC Honor Choir Virtual Symposium	Oct 2
Online Applications Close	
Contemporary A Cappella & Vocal Jazz Studio Honor Choir	Oct 6
Audition Deadline	
SCVA Online Happy Hour	Oct 8 @5pm
SCVA Online Happy Hour	Nov 12 @5pm
Contemporary A Cappella & Vocal Jazz Studio Honor Choir	Nov 20
SCVA HC Honor Choir Virtual Symposium	Nov 21

Please follow our social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) for updates on upcoming events that will be finalized prior to our next newsletter publication.