

**VocalFest 2020 — "Virtually Together"**  
**Saturday, September 12 • 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM**  
**Class Schedule**

**Welcome to Virtual VocalFest!**

Time	Activity	Faculty	Description
9:00 - 9:25 AM	Regional Roll Call	Melissa Prew (Region 15 Membership Coordinator)	Short greeting from all of our 19 chapters!
9:25 - 9:30 AM	Welcome / Opening Remarks	Jean Schoenlank (Region 15 Education Coordinator)	Introduction to the day's events / faculty

**All-Group Session with Mary Rhea**

Time	Activity	Faculty	Description
9:30 - 10:20 AM	Forward Motion	Mary Rhea (International Faculty)	Explore the concept of forward motion, how it applies to our music and, more importantly, how to incorporate forward motion in the musical plan.

**BREAKOUT CLASSES: Session 1 • You Pick Three!**

*Choose any three (3) of these 25-minute classes*

Time	Activity	Faculty	Description
10:30 AM - 12:00 NOON (Each class runs three times: Starting at 10:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and 11:30 AM)	1. New SAI Song Assessment Tool	Mary Rhea (International Faculty)	Explore the newly rolled out Song Assessment Tool – its purpose, how to use it, where to find resources. Ideal for those who choose music for choruses or quartets and for anyone who wants to know more about the music we sing.
	2. Let's Start Singing Again!	Katie Blackwood (Regional Faculty)	For those who have not been singing regularly during the pandemic... here is a 15-20 minute series of exercises to warm-up then cool down your voice gently. These exercises are excellent if you are recovering from any vocal trauma, a cold, laryngitis, or have not been using your voice.
	3. Storytelling Through Honest Expression	Alexis DePersia-Norelli (Regional Faculty)	How do we make our faces convey what our minds think? What our hearts feel? How do we use our faces and bodies to tell stories that are so important they have to be sung and not spoken? Come to this class and find out!
	4. The Passion Is Me!	Harriette Walters (Regional Faculty)	Turning vision into reality requires passion! Explore the impact passion has on your performance by focusing on your intention and mindset.
	5. Quartetting During A Pandemic	Sharon Vitkovsky (Regional Faculty)	Share your quartet experiences from these past several months and hear ideas about how you can connect and be productive. We will keep a list of all the good ideas and share them at the end of the day!

**Lunch Break • 12:00 - 12:30 PM**

**BREAKOUT CLASSES: Session 2 • You Choose One**

*Choose one (1) of these 50-minute classes*

Time	Activity	Faculty	Description
12:30 - 1:20 PM (Each class runs once, starting 12:30 PM)	1. Section Leaders Session	Mary Rhea (International Faculty)	Rehearsals in the virtual chorus world are challenging, but they can be productive and fun. We'll share creative ideas to keep your section and chorus moving forward.
	2. Everything You Want To Know About Vocal Production & More!	Katie Blackwood (Regional Faculty)	A Q&A session to not only have your questions answered, but exercises given to achieve results! Be ready to go "live" in this interactive class.
	3. Virtual Rehearsal Ideas Roundtable Discussion	Carole Argulewicz (Regional Faculty)	Let's create a list of ideas that we are doing in our rehearsals across the region and brainstorm some new ones!
	4. Blue Notes Meeting	Jean Schoenlank & Harriette Walters (Region 15 Education Coordinator & Regional Faculty)	Members of the Blue Notes Chorus are invited to our second annual meeting to discuss goals and projects for the next year.
	5. TC/Presidents Meeting with the RMT Team Coordinator	Lori Britt Horvath (Region 15 Team Coordinator)	Informal discussion group of chorus TCs and Presidents - similar to the August Virtual Roundtable, but this one won't be "under glass" for all to view.

**All-Group Session with Mary Rhea**

Time	Activity	Faculty	Description
1:30 - 2:20 PM	Technique vs. Artistry	Mary Rhea (International Faculty)	Beautiful sounds, correctly produced are lovely. Singing with emotion and artistry touches the heart. Which one is more important? Or can we have both?

**All-Group Afternoon Activities**

Time	Activity	Faculty	Description
2:30 - 2:55 PM	Game & Sing Along	Alexis DePersia-Norelli & Jean Schoenlank (Regional Faculty & Region 15 Education Coordinator)	Let's have some fun with a game and a sing-along!
2:55 - 3:25 PM	Virtual Chorus Rehearsal	Harriette Walters (Regional Faculty)	Join in on a regional vocal project using our regional song, <i>That's What Friends Are For</i> .
3:25 - 3:30 PM	Wrap up / Closing Remarks	Jean Schoenlank (Region 15 Education Coordinator)	Closing remarks

**Join us this evening for an Afterglow — Hosted by Harmony Quartet!**

8:00 - 9:00 PM	VocalFest Afterglow	Hosted by HARMONY Quartet (Diane Duff, Heidi Wilson, Harriette Walters, and Leigh Anne Dorman)	Join our 2019 Region 15 Quartet Champions as they host a fun, interactive, all-region afterglow! BYOB :)
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*This schedule of events is subject to change as needed.*