

Random Ideas for Zoom Rehearsals – and More!

- Show and Tell – members share a performance they love (YouTube) and tell why they enjoy it
- Member Spotlight – spotlight a member each week to tell “her-story” in about 10 minutes
- This is Your Life - Select a member at random to answer 10 rapid fire questions about their life
- Secret Sisters – cards, calls, etc. to “lift the spirits” of each other
- Create teams of 4 to log # of steps each day to reach a target
- Skills breakout rooms – members sign up to share their special skill (e.g. Yoga, cake decorating, playing ukulele, etc.)
- Bloopers – share contest/performance bloopers
- Members select a theme or inspiration for a rehearsal
- Buddy with another chorus ...for rehearsals, for visits from special guests, etc.
- Scavenger hunt – find something you like to look at, something you like to hear, something you like to feel, something you like to taste, something you like to smell
- Scavenger hunt – colours of the rainbow
- Scavenger hunt – select something that you can reach from your Zoom spot and explain why it is important to you
- Music search – in breakout rooms – assign a song – group must find out when it was written, why it was written, who sang it, how many personal pronouns in the song, what key is it, what places are in it, etc. – report to group
- Find reasons to stand often – use kinesthetics to indicate the shape of a song or phrase
- Dress up nights – P.J.’s, crowns, crazy hair, crazy make up, etc.
- Sing a chord – unmuted on a sustained vowel
- Combine rehearsals with a chorus who rehearses the same night as you
- Add audience applause to chorus recordings - great to hear at the end
- Laughing yoga – simply laugh unmuted for 30 seconds (thank you, Erin!!)
- Simon Says – that game from our childhood
- Use the white board – Pictionary?? – everyone writes a welcome message at beginning of rehearsal

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- Partner work/screen buddies – two singers pin each other and take turns singing with recording and give each other positive feedback re visual expression – or pin each other and sing muted, then share observations re visual expression
- Random breakout rooms with conversation starters (what made you smile today? What yummy treat did you have today? etc.)
- Campfire songs – different members take turns leading a campfire song
- Talent show
- Name That Tune – play only a few bars – answer in chat
- Karaoke
- Randomly spotlight members for a few bars while singing chorus songs
- Kahoot – interesting facts about members, information about repertoire songs, music theory, song titles represented by emojis, etc.
- Use Anna Lisa Glad’s warm ups through the decades and poll members with the question “What were you doing in this decade?” ...I was not born yet, I was an infant,I was married, I had children....etc.
- “Popcorn unmute” – while singing a chorus rep song, randomly unmute different members for a few bars
- View past performances and discuss what was done well and how the chorus could improve
- Learn from about judging categories from guest judges....watch videos and practice levelling performances
- PVI’s under glass – two or three singers in a breakout room – one at a time each receives coaching while others provide support
- Mad libs
- Remember when... -slide show of past chorus events
- Virtual quartets – sing a tag
- Zoom fatigue?? -invite those folk to join just for the social part of the evening ...or to join but turn off cameras and microphone and simply listen to the rehearsal... or stream the Zoom meeting on Facebook Live so members can watch when it is convenient for them