

Dear Jubilate Singers,

Welcome to our very special singing season. We hope you arrive refreshed and safe after this most unusual summer, and ready to share the big experiment of the coming year with us. Isabel and the Board have spent many hours devising a program which we hope you will find rewarding, challenging and fun.

As you will have seen in our August 10 outline of the first term (attached again, with its notes for your reference), there will be both familiar and new repertoire to sing in a variety of tech-friendly ways, and many opportunities for us to learn and grow musically together. We have been careful to build in social time and provide many opportunities for feedback. This way of meeting will feel unfamiliar to many at first, and we urge you to give it a good try. We'll be in touch with you after a few weeks to see how you are enjoying it, and to ask how we might adapt it to further meet your interests and needs. Our website jubilatesingers.ca provides extra information, and clicking on the photo will give you access to members-only resources. These will be updated periodically throughout the year.

A few key dates: Our season begins at 7:00 on September 8 with virtual rehearsals. Carol will provide the Zoom link a few days before. If you are new to Zoom and unsure if you are familiar enough with it, please contact helpdesk@jubilatesingers.ca. A member of the tech committee will get back to you about arranging a practice session. Once you have a basic comfort level with this technology, the virtual rehearsals should be technically quite easy. For instance, if you attended our AGM in June, you already know enough to attend a virtual rehearsal.

We've also planned two virtual potlucks, on September 29 for new and returning members to get better acquainted and December 15 to celebrate the holiday season. There will be a vocal training workshop on October 6. And one of our key goals is to work toward one or two choir recordings to highlight our efforts. Plenty of technical support will be available for these.

You will also have seen our invitation to come forward with your own ideas for reaching out to fellow choir members. We look forward to facing the challenges posed by this very unusual time, and to building a very innovative and satisfying year with you. Don't forget to register! Follow this link and fill in our Survey Monkey form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JX9VHMQ>.

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