

Community-Wide “Lift Ev’ry Voice” Virtual Choir Project Instructions

Since we cannot come together in person for our Unity concert, we are instead organizing a large-scale community virtual choir featuring the call to action anthem “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing.” Open to anyone of any age interested (in mid-Missouri or beyond), our hope with this project is to unite through song, spreading awareness of the long, painful struggle Black individuals have faced and affirming their rightful place in society because CAAM knows Black Lives Matter, too.

Recording Instructions:

1. Grab two devices (computer/phone/tablet) and a pair of headphones/earbuds.
 - a. One device will be used to play the recording track (I used my computer).
Connect your headphones or earbuds to this device.
 - b. The second device will be used to record the audio and video (I used my phone).
2. Have lyrics (included at the end of this document) available and cue up the background track to sing with (found [HERE](#))
3. Your second device (a phone works well) should be placed horizontally with video mode turned on. Use the front-facing camera to frame the shot from the waist up (or however you feel most comfortable).
4. Use your first device (a computer or tablet) with headphones/earbuds to play the recording track.
 - a. Do a practice sound check to make sure there is no bleed (we do not want to hear the track coming through in your recording). We only should hear the singer’s voice by themselves.
 - b. Note: Wired headphones work best.
5. Hit "record" on your second device, and then hit “play” on the background track on the first device.
6. Once you are happy with your video, save the file using your full name as file name and location (shown below), and upload your completed video by going to this website: [\[https://forms.gle/GDpog8NBgxcFrtub9\]](https://forms.gle/GDpog8NBgxcFrtub9). If this method doesn’t work for you, you may also email your video to CYCCoordinator@ChoralArtsAllianceofMissouri.org. Submit by February 1, 2021.

Naming your File:

Name your file using your name (or a group/family name if multiple singers represented) and your location (so we can see where our singers come from!).

- Name all files like so:

First Name_Last Name_Location.mp4*

- Examples:

Andrews_Family_Columbia.mp4 (for a family of singers)

LaMont_Walker_Columbia.mp4 (for individual singer)

Considerations for Singers (OR adults who may be helping a young singer!):

- Wear what makes you feel comfortable!
- Consider recording in front of a neutral background if possible (e.g. a plain colored wall) with adequate lighting. Try not to stand in front of windows or any type of light source as this will make it difficult to see your face.
- Make sure your full face (or faces) is in the shot. Remember to record horizontally.
- If you are using wired headphones, run the wire down your back so it is not as visible.
- Look right into the camera as you sing.

***Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing* Lyrics for Vs. 1**
J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954)

*Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.*