

Notes for Online Rehearsals

Here's what to do

- At 7.20pm on Monday, open email and click on the link in the most recent message.
- You will be asked to allow zoom.us and you should agree to this.
- Then follow onscreen instructions making sure that audio and camera are activated.
- Say hello to anybody you recognise and that's it.

Encouraging Remarks

- Nobody can hear you-sing.
- You can just watch and not join in unless you want to.
- This is good practice for what we hope to do in September but if you can't join in now, you will be just as welcome in September. Just do what you think you can manage.
- It's surprisingly good fun.
- If you feel anxious about this and would like to practise, please email me and we will set up a practice Zoom session.

How the rehearsal will be organised.

The 'doors' will be open from 7.20 onwards for everyone to settle in and Andrew will begin the rehearsal at 7.30pm. At some point we will stop singing for some social time together and we will finish at 8.30pm.

Zoom meetings have a host (that's me). I can make Andrew my co-host. This means that we can both use all the meeting controls. It's obvious what his job is; mine is to monitor the microphones and to try to deal with any queries that come via the Chat function. At the beginning of the session, I will adjust the settings so that you cannot accidentally unmute your microphone while we sing. Before the rehearsal, during the break and at the end, you will have charge of your own microphone.

I will also organise the break arrangements. You'll be assigned to a breakout room with four or five other people. This will be random when we are using it for social reasons. We are looking in to using this facility musically as well.

Adjusting your audio settings.

On some devices it is possible to adjust your audio settings to improve the zoom experience, particularly when Andrew is sharing audio clips. [This YouTube tutorial](#) may help you to adjust your settings.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=STXzs5qnPwg>

However, it is an enhancement and not an essential so don't worry if it isn't possible on your device.

Suggestions for using a tablet or phone more comfortably.

If you are participating using a tablet, you might like to think about acquiring a stand on which to put it. This enables you adjust the tablet to your most comfortable sitting position rather than having to adjust yourself to where the tablet is. It reduces the need for constant adjustment and therefore reduces the likelihood of accidentally touching the screen and unmuting the microphone or losing the camera function.

There are dozens of different [stands](#) in all price ranges. Here is an example of what I mean but I'm not recommending this one or any other. It's just an idea.

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