

WCAMS update, November 2020

from President Irene Percival

I hope everyone is managing to stay healthy, and not getting too bored during these socially isolated times. The arts organizations are producing many excellent virtual performances, so we aren't totally deprived of music, and can help support our professional musicians by watching their videos.

The WCAMS Board met at the end of October, but at that time the only decision we could make about camp 2021 is that there will be one, and that it will take place July 18th-25th (19th-23rd if virtual). Although we're all hoping to have an in-person camp, the jury is still out. COVID 19 numbers are looking really bad at the moment, but there's optimism that there may be a vaccine in the Spring – whether that would be early enough to 'rescue' our camp remains to be seen. We'll reassess the situation in February.

The other news that people have been waiting to hear concerns the 2020 camp video, for which many of you made recordings. Some unanticipated problems have delayed its production, but we're confident that it will be completed before the next camp.

The next edition of Westmuse News will be out soon – We're planning to include information about what local choirs and orchestras are doing to stay together. Here's a list of all the groups I can think of, showing whether I already have information about them or not. If you belong to a large ensemble for which I don't yet have information, I'd be grateful if you could contact me. (irene@percival-music.ca)

Orchestras

- Information received about VPO, NWSO, Richmond, Fraser Valley & Harmonia.
- Information needed for West Coast Symphony & Ambleside – and any other orchestras you play with.

Choirs

- Information received about Capilano Festival Chorus, Willan, Amabilis, Douglas College, Richmond Chorus, Enchor, Aurora, Chorisma & Joyful Voices, Vancouver Welsh Mens's choir.
- Information needed for Pacific Spirit Choir – and any other choirs you sing with.

String, Wind and Brass Ensembles

- Information received about Camerata strings
- Information needed for any other groups you play with.

So far it seems that most groups are managing something, although of course, there are no large rehearsals or concerts. Here's hoping for better news in 2021.