

PORTLAND  
SYMPHONIC

*Girlchoir*

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Greetings from Girlchoir,

Community has always been an important part of our mission at Girlchoir and recent events have only underscored how much we value coming together and making music. We send out our love to all our families and supporters: those that have been fighting the disease personally and professionally, those that are facing financial difficulties, and those just staying home and staying safe.

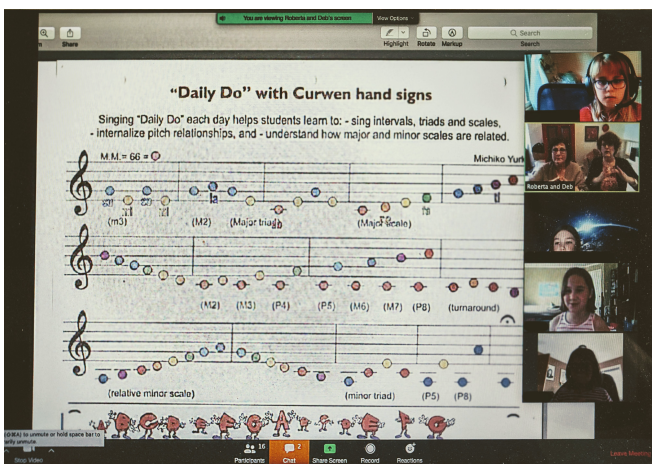
Even during these challenging times of social distancing without rehearsing in-person weekly or performing at any of our scheduled spring performances, Girlchoir is moving forward.

### Weekly Zoom Rehearsals

Each singer has been sent the following to keep the Showcase Concert music fresh for when we can safely have the concert:

- digital copies of the sheet music
- digital recordings
- weekly virtual Zoom rehearsals for each choir.

Zoom rehearsals keep us connected, focus on ear training and sight-reading, and practicing singing songs with recordings as Deb and Roberta conduct. The journey has been full of surprises and challenges, but these rehearsals have brought not only joy but have become deeper musical experiences.



### Senior Recognition

Since we couldn't have our annual Senior Brunch, we created a special surprise recognition delivered to each of our 12 seniors' homes by Deb and Roberta:

- yard sign saying, "Portland Symphonic Girlchoir congratulates (singer's name) 2020 Senior"
- PSG's traditional crystal box
- certificate honoring their years in Girlchoir.



### How You Can Support Our Singers

We are making exciting plans for our 32<sup>nd</sup> Season – “We Are The Music Makers and We Are The Dreamers of Dreams” and look forward to continuing to make music with our singers whether virtually, in-person, or a combination. But, we need funding now to strengthen our organization to meet the upcoming challenges. While we always wish to extend choir membership to all, this year it feels imperative to provide access to the power of Girlchoir’s choral music community to all who wish to access it. Please consider donating to provide **scholarship** funding so every girl and young woman who loves to sing can join Girlchoir regardless of financial need.

Since tuition only covers 50% of Girlchoir’s operating costs such as rent, staff salaries, utilities, as well as unique PSG programs such as “Music in the Making”, new music commissions, and composer visits, etc., it is vital that Girlchoir survives this crisis to **continue its program** to provide an unparalleled global performance experience and choral music education in a unique, caring and inclusive community of young artists empowering them with a distinct voice today and for the future.

To donate, click on the **yellow donate banner** on our Home Page at [girlchoir.com](http://girlchoir.com). All donations are tax-deductible.



### New Way To Support Girlchoir ~ “Shining Stars” Sustaining Membership

Sign up to be a **sustaining member**, one of our “*Shining Stars*”. By enrolling to support us with an amount automatically deducted each month, you will provide more financial stability. As extra incentive, anybody that signs up as a recurring donor between now and July 31, 2020 will be contacted to receive a free Girlchoir sweatshirt! To set up, click on the **yellow donate banner** on our Home Page at [girlchoir.com](http://girlchoir.com) and choose Monthly donation.

**Help Us Increase Enrollment**

A guaranteed way to strengthen Girlchoir's financial future is to increase enrollment, so please help us grow our community by letting people know we are currently adding singers Kindergarten – Grade 12 to our membership for 2020-2021. At this time, we are scheduling a complimentary Virtual Placement Audition for anybody interested in joining. See "Join Us" at [girlchoir.com](http://girlchoir.com) for more details or email Deb and Roberta at [coconductors@gmail.com](mailto:coconductors@gmail.com)

**We Can't Do Girlchoir Without You**

We at Girlchoir send you our very best. Your continued support of Girlchoir is paramount. Without our community behind us we have nothing. Our work with current singers during these traumatic times is vital. Girlchoir is making a difference now and will in the future, as affirmed by a 2005 alum who wrote after seeing a recent Encore performance, *"Tonight was such a treat! It's been a while since I've been able to attend a Girlchoir concert. The "season" in my life is shifting a little bit and allowing me more opportunities to bring my girls out with me. I was reminded tonight the power music has on memory and how Girlchoir impacted so many of my senses... I couldn't help but tear up, the same songs, the same beautiful music keeps me connected to those precious years I had in Girlchoir. It's nice to come back after a while. It always feels like home. Now I have new perspective and life thrown in. I have so much respect for your work. I see the ladies standing up there, looking younger and younger, but it's really just me getting older. I see such beauty in their innocence. And, I have such hope and glee for what they get to become. You are so lucky to do what you do, and they are all so lucky to be part of it"*.

At [girlchoir.com](http://girlchoir.com) you can find our **yellow donate banner**, our calendar of events for next season, and some of our most recent recordings that will provide you with hope and peace during these tumultuous times. We will continue to move forward with next season's plans and thank you very much for your support.

Wishing you and your family health and safety,



Roberta & Deb  
PSG Board of Directors

