

## Music Advisory Committee\_Board Report 12/09/2020

The Music Advisory Committee met, via Zoo, on October 20th. All members were present.

1. There was a fruitful discussion of “Monday Night with Choral Art,” which included concerns about the sound on individual computers and the problems of singing polyphonically via Zoom. All agreed that this is a valuable and important project. We also discussed the broadcast of the Britten/Durufle concert on Maine Public Classical, and agreed that it was a terrific performance.
2. ChoralArt 2021-22 Season - 5th Anniversary. It is hoped that all concerts will be live. Dates/repertoire include:
  - Oct. 24/26: PSO - Bach *St. Matthew Passion* (CA Singers + USM Singers. Smaller choir required by Eckart Preu. May be moved to Spring 2022 (replace Verdi).
  - Dec. 4-5: Christmas at the Cathedral - CA Singers
  - Jan. 8-9: An Epiphany Concert - CA Camerata
  - April 10/12: PSO - Verdi *Requiem* - CA MasterworksConcerts still be determined/ in the talking stage: 1. Orff, *Carmina Burana* with FOKO (no Opera Choruses due to lack of rehearsal time); 2. ChoralArt 50th anniversary concert - date TBA.
3. Should ChoralArt schedule another concert in Spring of 2021? After much discussion it was concluded that we should have a virtual concert, perhaps at end of April - “Best of ChoralArt,” using recorded performances from the last 16 years.
4. Bob Russell looking to the future, and needing ideas for the Spring Camerata concert, using extended works. Possibilities discussed:
  1. Chamber performance of Handel’s *Messiah* - perhaps at Lent or Easter, as the composer did.
  2. A new setting of the Liturgy of *St. John Chrysostom* by Kurt Sander. Was felt to interesting and will be considered in the future.
5. Other items: thanks to Joyce Walworth...
  1. Possible to do a virtual *Messiah* Sing in Dec.? Thought to possible on a Monday Night with ChoralArt, using the less elaborately polyphonic choruses.
  2. Christmas Caroling outdoors, socially distanced? Not at this time - still much to risky.
  3. Other ways to keep ChoralArt in view and of service to the community - revisiting a previous discussion. Perhaps a Summer Sing outdoors in 2021.
6. How to celebrate CA at 50? If it’s not possible to have live concert for the 50th anniversary ... we could move the concert to the Fall of 2022, as a celebration of the start of our next 50 years! (Thanks Sarah Bailey)

Carolyn Paulin , chair, Music Advisory Committee.