

## Moving Forward with an **EXTRAORDINARY** Concert Season!

*Voices In Harmony* will begin the 2020 -2021 Concert Season, *EXTRAORDINARY!*, on **Monday, August 17, 2020**. This year will require some unusual adjustments in order to provide the choral music experience we love. I'm sure we all have read about the unique issues with singing and the spread of COVID-19. If you would like more information about that, please let me know.

We will begin with rehearsals out-of-doors at the **Main Beach Band Stage**, (300 Lakeshore Drive, Crystal Lake) from 7:00 PM - Dusk. There will be no park entry fee for non-residents of Crystal Lake. We will sing together, but at a distance of at least 8 feet from each other, and with masks in place. Please bring:

- Masks
- Bug Spray
- A chair

Rehearsals will be streamed for those who would like to participate in that way.

We know this is not optimum, and we know the difficulties of singing through a mask. Help us find better solutions.

We will be working toward a streamed concert in November with a recording session in the park the weekend of October 17 (rain date October 18).

When we have to move indoors, we will rehearse in groups of 6 - 8 in large rooms. Those rehearsals will follow a schedule and be 45 minutes or less (to be determined).

The Raue Center is willing to help make our Sing-Along Messiah be a reality with streaming the concert. This concert is scheduled for December 6, 2020. It will be shortened to about an hour, the orchestra will be on the stage, and the chorus will be in the auditorium seats, separated, and as of now, masked.

From January - April 2021, we will continue in a similar way, unless CDC guidelines allow (or require) changes.

You can pre-register for this season at

<https://shop.encoremusicacademy.org/Voices-in-Harmony-VIH.htm>

There will also be registration materials at the rehearsals.

We know this will not be to everyone's liking, and that some are not able to participate in any way, but we know that many have said that they want to sing in some way with VIH this year. Please help us move forward into a year of:

***EXTRAORDINARY!***