

ND Choir Project 2020

LET'S MAKE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL TOGETHER!

This is an invitation to ND choral directors, their choir members, and independent singers to participate in a collaborative project during this time of social distancing. We will be preparing and recording the music, "Prairie Wind." Print your score for rehearsal and recording at <https://www.ndacda.com/virtual-choir-project-2020>.

Prepare your part by listening to the recording (specific to soprano, alto, tenor, and bass, and found at <https://www.ndacda.com/vc-practice-track-links>) and singing along with the score. **Follow all dynamic markings** on the score (the recording itself does not change dynamics) and be sure to **release each phrase exactly as written**. If you need to breathe in the middle of a phrase, do not put consonants on your release, and start with the next syllable rather than re-entering in the middle of a word.

Once you are ready to record, wear a solid color top (no pictures, designs or words) in blues, greens, gold, tan, browns—basic colors from nature. Your background should be solid white--no photos or furniture in the shot. Your face should be lit from the front. We want to see head and shoulders only in the frame. Take a photo and test your image before you start recording.

Do a test recording of your voice (singing different dynamics) to make sure your recording levels are good. Turn off fans and make sure there are not other background noises.

Put on headphones so you can hear the rehearsal track. We do not want to hear the track on the recording. Go to the start of the music on your part video (after the instructions) and press play/hit record on your phone. Listen to the three beats of piano to give you the tempo, then clap the next three beats so we can sync. **Sing the entire piece in one take**. At the end pause for 5 seconds before you move or turn off your recording device.

Then upload your video to <https://www.ndacda.com/vc-upload-space>

Feel free to share this information--let's hear North Dakota sing during this time of isolation! **The deadline for submission is April 15, 2020.**

Thank you to the ND Council on the Arts for funding the composition through an Individual Artist Fellowship, providing a piece with copyright freedom that can be shared throughout ND--to school choirs, church choirs, community choirs, and individuals.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tom Porter at tjporter@umary.edu.