

2021 Summer Concert Participation Guidelines and Tuition

This live concert event is open to fully vaccinated students only. Singers who are interested in performing this summer but are not able to be vaccinated should reach out to me. If we have enough interest, we will plan a live zoom performance event to give you the opportunity to sing. Details for that are TBD.

Important Dates and Times:

1. **Guitar Rehearsal Friday, July 30 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm**

Approximately 10 singers will be accompanied by live guitar. In person rehearsal with Kevin Burnes will take place in my garden, under an open sided shelter. Your time slot will be scheduled by appointment.

Studio address: 5305 Queensberry Avenue, Springfield, VA 22151.

- **For students working with Kevin:** Once your performance piece is selected, Kevin will create an mp3 of the guitar accompaniment for your practice. I will share that with you as soon as we have it so you are well prepared for your in-person rehearsal with Kevin.
- **For students working with pre-recorded accompaniment:** The only things that will change for you from rehearsal to performance are the venue and the presence of a sound system. Your sound check on August 7 will sort out any adjustments needed.

2. **Concert Date: August 7 at 6:00 PM**

3. **Location:** The Amphitheater at Mason District Park. 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

The performance will start at 6 PM. Call is 4:00 with very short sound checks for each singer starting at 4:30.

- ***In Case of Rain:*** *If it seems likely that we will have evening storms, we will pivot to a 3:30 start time with an abbreviated sound check at 2:00.*

Required Preparation (Included in Tuition): One acting session with an NM Productions coach is required for your selected piece. Your piece must be fully memorized before the acting session. We will work with you to get your required session scheduled.

Attire For Singers: Women: Light summer dresses, and dressy sandals. Don a garden hat if you like...this would be the perfect time for it. (o: **Men:** Light summer trousers and short sleeved dress shirt. No tie is needed. Something along the lines of a comfortable loafer is fine for the shoe.

1. **Note:** Your sound check takes place just after the hottest time of the day. Temperatures usually peak by 3 PM and slowly cool down from there. By performance time, we hope temps will be more comfortable.
2. **Recommended:** Bring coolers with twice as much ice water as you think you need, along with cold neck wraps, etc. Bring a small personal care kit with tissues, bug spray and sunscreen. There are rest rooms near the amphitheater and your green room space is under cover.

Safety Precautions:

Singer Safety:

1. **Singers with Kevin:** Kevin is fully vaccinated. He will be masked and distanced from you during both the rehearsal and the performance.
2. **Green Room:** Our green room is a large, covered picnic pavilion with open sides and a capacity of 100. It is within walking distance from the amphitheater but far enough that you should not be able to disturb the performance. The space is large enough for singers to observe safety protocols as recommended at that time.
3. **During the Performance:** Singers will alternate microphones, which will be placed at the far left and right sides of the stage.

Audience Safety:

1. The front rows of seating will be blocked off to increase the space cushion between singers (aerosols) and audience.
2. Suggested spacing should be observed for people not from the same household. The space accommodates 150 people, so we should have room to spread out a bit.
3. You are a welcome to bring lawn chairs for outside the built in seating area. You may also opt to stand at the back if the seating area feels too crowded for your personal comfort level.

Tuition:

\$170

1. **DUE DATE:** Monday, June 14. Checks payable to NM Productions, Inc.
2. Registration is complete upon receipt of tuition. Refund of tuition is not possible after June 28.
3. *Your acting session is included in your concert fee. The remainder is shared production costs including rental, tech (sound & video), musicians' fees, printing, stage manager, concert assistant, admin assistants, etc.*