

UPDATE: Coronavirus/COVID-19 Issue

Mar. 15, 2020, 3:00pm

There will be rehearsals this week, as originally scheduled, and at all locations (Ephrata as well as satellite locations).

Again, we encourage all to be circumspect as to your own health and circumstances, that if you feel attending will compromise your or other's health, you are free not to come. We ask though that you inform us at your earliest convenience that you will not be in attendance, and that the COVID-19 issue is why you will not be coming.

Rationale: though there is concern that COVID-19 can be devastating or fatal, this concern has been tempered by:

- People have the option to not attend if they feel at risk or compromised.
- We are well under the Governor's 100 person max threshold.
- The numerous responses Lyrica Sacra people have provided to the web statement below have not been negative, save to be circumspect or exercise caution. (Most feel the concern is quite "hyped up," and pales against deaths due to flu, etc., about which nothing unusual is done, and it seems fatalities seem to come in situations with previously compromised health, etc.)
- The Lyrica Sacra population tends to be: 1) generally quite hardy/resistant (from physical labor), 2) most are young(er) adults, and 3) most do not travel as much as the general population; all factors that tend to lessen susceptibility when compared to the general population.

We welcome your input and prayers as the alarm concerning coronavirus doesn't seem to be abating. A contingency plan outlining several scenarios has been drafted, and we will review our stance on at least a weekly basis, with special concern that we have sufficient rehearsal time for the upcoming programs.

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Initial post: Mar. 14, 2020, 1:00pm

Response to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 issue

We are certainly aware of this situation, and I (Galen) have been following it since it first started in Wuhan, China. We are also aware of both President Trump and Governor Wolf's statements on Thursday evening and Friday afternoon (respectively).

While not wanting to be alarmist or otherwise facilitate what seems to be some "hype" that is surrounding this, we also do not want to be in denial or irresponsible. To those ends, we will make a statement on this webpage and via the Lyrica Sacra chat by 9:00 pm Sunday evening concerning Monday's rehearsal, and later next week concerning any longer term impact.

Regardless, anyone who would feel personally compromised by attending a rehearsal is free to stay home. We would ask though that you inform us at your earliest convenience that you will not be in attendance, and that the COVID-19 issue is why you will not be coming.

Satellite groups: we will be/are in touch with each leader to discuss implementation for each group.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. Though we will likely get very varied counsel, we invite your concerns and thoughts, as well as your prayers for any longer term impact to this year's Lyrica Sacra program.

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