



**HALLELUJAH!!**

**An update for MESSIAH Performance, DECEMBER 4, 2021**

Your SCS Board has been meeting both by Zoom and in person. Discussions have mostly revolved around COVID-19, the necessary protocols for every person involved in the production, along with protocols necessary for the audience. Other Arts organization’s procedures, both professional and community-based, were also reviewed and considered.

**It was deemed still too early for a full production. Consensus of the Board was, sadly, to cancel our traditional December performance.**

However, an alternative for December 4, 2021, was discussed, *providing COVID conditions do not worsen:*

**a free Sing-A-Long of Messiah will be held on Saturday, December 4 at 4pm, for members**

--no audience, no rehearsals, no orchestra, no soloists--*held with social distancing, with all of us spread throughout the sanctuary—and even the balcony.*

We will sing easy choruses, with probably the use of one or two instrumentalists. Masks will be recommended throughout, but not mandatory (possibility of singers’ masks available for purchase??)

OUR MAIN GOAL IS TO HAVE A SAFE, CASUAL, FUN, MUSICAL TIME TO OPEN THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

Alana J. Hufford, *President, Sarasota Choral Society*

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....from your Artistic Director

Sarasota Choral Society Friends,

We have been waiting for a long time to see whether we would be able to perform *Messiah* this year. While we are grateful to see the infection rates go down, after several meetings with the Board, we feel it is still a bit early to gather safely in a large crowd with orchestra and soloists.

We will be looking into planning a Spring 2022 *Messiah* production, however, where we will get to explore numbers we have never sung, and sing “*Hallelujah*” around Easter. We are looking forward to celebrating the joy of Christ’s resurrection with new music, a project we always wanted to pursue.

Dust off your scores, and start looking at the later choruses! We will send more information as it becomes available.

In the meantime, we hope to see you for our own private sing-a-long on December 4<sup>th</sup>, when we can safely gather as a choir.

Peace to you all, I look forward to seeing you!

Genevieve Beauchamp, Artistic Director

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**PLEASE RSVP by Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, to Debye Bernard, SCS Secretary, at: [axhandle@comcast.net](mailto:axhandle@comcast.net)**

\_\_\_\_\_Yes, I plan on attending the Sing-A-Long on Dec. 4

\_\_\_\_\_No, I will not be able to attend December 4

\_\_\_\_\_Yes, I plan on singing with SCS on April 2

\_\_\_\_\_No, I will not be singing with SCS on April 2

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