

Manual for Recording of the Virtual Choir „Spirit of Brotherhood“



For the Virtual Choir, we ideally need two media tracks:

- Soundtrack
- Video track

Both tracks can be recorded separately with the smartphone or together (better separated). You are welcome to record your recordings yourself with your own equipment.

Please make sure that your video track does not contain any wobbles and pans. Fix your smartphone or camera well.

For Virtual Choir beginners we have described instructions for one way of recording here. These instructions apply to separate recording of the audio and video tracks. For an ideal setup you need the following utensils:

- Laptop/Computer to play the template (mp3/teach me video)
- headphones,
- as well as a smartphone with an app for recording (e.g. Voice Record Pro).

1. Settings for sound recording: e.g. with Voice Recorder Pro App

You can download the app for free for Android and iPhone from the following links:

IOS: <https://apps.apple.com/at/app/voice-record-pro/id546983235>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ca.bejbej.voicerecordpro&hl=gsw>

The app needs to be calibrated first (this may take a while).

Tap the record button at the bottom left, then the "Advanced" tab and select the following settings there

- Record Format: MP3 (MPEG)
- Sample rate: 44,100
- Channels: mono
- Bit rate: 192 kbps
- Encode Quality: High

2. Sound recording

Tap the record button again and the recording begins. The VU meter can be seen above. Sing loud enough to stay in the middle range. A distance of approx. 50 cm from the microphone could be good.

In order to be able to synchronize the recordings, it is necessary that you listen to our template with headphones during the recording in order to keep the tempo and the pitch. Please use e.g. your laptop and headphones, only your voice should be heard. If possible, please minimize the fan noise.

When the recording is finished, please rename the file according to the following scheme:

Voicing_Country_Name_Chor / Individual singer

- Voices soprano, alto, tenor, bass

- Name: Full name or user name of your choice
- Choir / individual singers: we would be happy if you take part as a choir or group, otherwise simply specify individual singers

If you are recording as a choir or a group (depending on the Corona situation) please note:

- The choir hears the template in the background and sings along. With this variant, the loudspeakers from which the template can be heard should be significantly further away from the recording device than the choir itself.

3. Classic video recording: Portrait setting for split screen format

Stand in front of a bright window so that your video doesn't get too dark. Attach your smartphone to a tripod, tape it to the window or attach it to a music stand.

The video recording should have landscape format. For single shots, position yourself so that there is still some space above your head and the lower edge of the picture a little below your chest.

For group recordings, make sure that all singers are in the picture.

Start video recording. Start template. If you are making a separate audio recording, no audio from the video recording will be used. Therefore, it's enough, if you move your lips, but it just looks more authentic and better when you are singing.

You should like to sing with an expression appropriate to the text. Likes to show that you enjoy singing, that brotherhood and sisterhood are worthwhile.

Name the finished video recording according to the following scheme: Voice_Land_Name_Chor / Singlesinger_VIDEO

Or 4. Video recording Creative: Brotherhood and Sisterhood in the picture

How can one put fraternity in the picture? Send us pictures or videos that you think reveal the topic and that we can use as a cut in the video. In view of the corona pandemic with social distancing and hygienic distance, these can also be older recordings. From choir festivals, stays abroad, parties or concerts.

Do you still remember the toilet paper challenge that went viral in the spring? Can it be possible to portray the Spirit of Brotherhood with a shared video? Together with your choir? With other choirs? Can you sing the piece in sync with the original at the same time? We are looking forward to your ideas.

Trust yourself, it's very easy! Have fun recording! Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for your participation.