

News from Ex Cathedra

Summer Music films, online Singing Workshop, interactive films & more

The last few weeks have been an extraordinary period of adjustment for us all. It still seems most likely that it will be several months before we can get back to giving in concerts and working in schools and hospitals in a 'normal' way so we have been busy working out what role we can play until then.

We are focusing on how to provide you, our audiences, with high-quality online content; our project beneficiaries with interactive films when they are more isolated than ever; and continuing to provide much-needed work for our freelance musicians as far as possible.

We're very excited about several projects that we have underway and in the pipeline, and more information will follow soon.

Over the coming weeks much of our work will be online. We will continue to make some new films, including a **Summer Music** film and are inviting you to contribute (see below). We are also developing plans to share **highlights from our archive**, and will be asking your input as we find new ways to celebrate our 50th anniversary with you. We're delighted to announce our first online [Singing Workshop](#) and hope you will join us - it will be insightful and fun.

Our wonderful team of vocal tutors have already created lots of interactive films for young children, patients at the hospitals where we usually work, and primary school children in lieu of school singing. Please enjoy sharing them with your friends and families.

Planning the comeback

As we look further ahead we're planning for scenarios that will see us able to get musicians together again to rehearse and perform.

How you can help

The amount of this work that is possible will depend hugely on fundraising. We're extremely grateful to those who have donated in lieu of tickets booked for concerts. Thank you. If you would have booked for our planned **Summer Music by Candlelight** concerts and are able to make a donation to our [coronavirus appeal](#) it will help us greatly in covering the costs of the current work and give us confidence to plan more activity over the coming weeks and months.

We would also be grateful if you can share our videos widely amongst your friends and families. We want as many people as possible to enjoy them, and - where they can - to support us so we can continue making them.

We greatly miss singing and performing together and continue to look forward to that being possible again.