
Encore University Summer School Frequently Asked Questions

Question #1 - Do you have to be a member of Encore to participate in these on-line or phone-line ENCORE UNIVERSITY Summer School sessions?

Answer - No, you do NOT need to be a member of Encore to participate. In fact, we ENCOURAGE you to spread the news about this exciting new program with your friends and family. Share the registration information and link with EVERYONE!

Question #2 - What is included in the \$50 tuition fee?

Answer - The flat \$50 tuition fee gives you access to ALL of the rehearsals and class sessions for ALL six weeks of Encore University Summer School, which is over 80 hours of programming. You do **NOT** have to sign up for any specific classes. It is like an “all you can eat” buffet in a restaurant: One flat fee gives you unlimited access to EVERYTHING!

Question #3 – Is there a limit to class or rehearsal sizes? Can I be “shut out” of a class or rehearsal?

Answer – There is NO limit to class/rehearsal sizes. You can NOT be “shut out” of a class/rehearsal.

Question #4 - Do I need a computer and Zoom in order to participate in these classes?

Answer – No, you do NOT need Zoom to participate. If you don't want or need to see the instructors, you can call in and just listen to each session on either a land-line telephone or a cell phone using telephone numbers we will provide to you. You do not have to have a computer or smart phone to participate in these summer classes.

Questions #5 – If I do want to participate in the “Zoom” aspect of these classes, what equipment do I need?

Answer – You will need a laptop, desktop or tablet, etc., that is equipped with a camera & microphone, or an iPad, or smart phone.

Question #6 – When will the “Zoom” room open and close for each session?

Answer -The “Zoom” rooms will open ten minutes BEFORE the start of each session and will remain open for ten minutes AFTER each class concludes for people to chat with each other.

Question #7 – Can we join a class if we are late for a class?

Answer - You must enter the “Zoom” room within the first 15 minutes after the class has begun or you might not be able to enter the class.

Question #8 – When will we receive the “log-in” information for our sessions?

Answer – Early every Monday morning for the six weeks of the sessions, you will receive an email that contains a link that will allow you to “log-in” to ALL of the sessions for just that week.

Question #9 - If we miss a class, will we be able to watch it later on video?

Answer - YES! After each class, we will provide information on how to access video recordings of the class so you may watch at your convenience. For those of you who prefer not to use Zoom, this may be an attractive alternative.

Question #10 – If I no longer have the music for the Chorale or ROCKS session for which I signed up, how can I get it?

Answer – All of the music scores and lyric sheets that you will need for any of the Chorale or ROCKS rehearsals will be available in advance on the Encore website for you to download and print out or read on a digital device.

Question #11 - Will audio practice files be available for some/any of the music will be singing in Chorale or ROCKS rehearsals?

Answer – YES, the audio files will also be available in advance on our Encore website for download. If you’ve kept your old rehearsal CDs you may have some of the files

already.

Question #12 – For classes that run six weeks, will the same class be offered six times or is it really a six week-long class with new information each week?

Answer – It will be NEW information each week for ALL classes, no matter if they run for one week, two weeks, three weeks or all six weeks.

Question #13 – I noticed that there are THREE chorale sessions each week led by different conductors. Will they be rehearsing the same music? If not, can I participate in all three chorale sessions so I can work on all three sets of music?

Answer – The answer is NO and YES! NO, the three conductors will NOT be rehearsing the same music. They will each lead a different set of music. And, YES, you may participate in ALL three Chorale rehearsals each week if you so desire. The list of what each conductor will be working on can be found on the Encore website.

Question #14 – If I purchase a registration for myself, can I share that registration with my friends who have not paid for their own registration?

Answer – We respectfully request that you do **NOT** share the registration link with anyone. We ask that every person who wants to participate in these summer sessions pay for their own registration. This is what enables us to pay for the costs of running this program, including paying our wonderful staff of conductors.

Question #15 – Can I sign up for just one or two classes and just pay for those classes instead of paying \$50 for the entire six-week session?

Answer – NO, to access just one or ALL of the sessions, you must pay the \$50 registration fee. We do not have the administrative capability to do “a la carte” registrations. As noted in the answer to question # 2, ENCORE UNIVERSITY is like an “all you can eat” buffet. And, we think it is a VERY reasonably priced buffet!!

Question #16 – What is “Solfège?”

Answer - Solfège is an exercise used for sight-reading vocal music in which each scale degree is assigned a coordinating syllable. After some practice and familiarization, the solfège allows a musician to audiate, or mentally hear, the pitches of a piece of music

which he or she is seeing for the first time, then sing them aloud.

Question #17 – Is “Zoom” safe?

Answer - No online activity, including email, web browsing, etc., is 100% “safe.” However, Zoom has continued to implement security features, including waiting room, mandatory passwords and encrypted communications. Encore is abiding by all recommended security procedures. We feel confident using Zoom and you should, too.

Question #18 – Is there a different software that we could use other than Zoom?

Answer - We have researched this extensively. There is no other software currently available than can come any closer to meeting our needs, and in all cases, other systems are inferior to Zoom. By far, the current software of choice in the choral world is Zoom.

Question #19 – Will any of these classes or rehearsals culminate in a “closing” performance?

Answer – None of the classes or rehearsals will culminate in a “closing” performance by our students. However, several members of our distinguished faculty will be presenting a closing “Faculty Recital” on Thursday evening, August 13th, at 7:00 pm, as part of our celebratory virtual closing event of our inaugural **ENCORE UNIVERSITY-Summer School**.
