

THE REACH PROJECT

Welcome & Instructions

Thank you for participating in the REACH project, an initiative from conductor Chris Shepard of CONCORRA, composer Martin Sedek, and author Lynn Ungar to bring a musical message of hope in this difficult time in our world.

If you haven't already done so, please go to www.martinsedek.com/reach to download your score, learning track (if you need it), and your piano and click track.

Below are the instructions for submitting your video.

- On your computer, tablet, or smartphone, you will need to have iTunes or other music playback software (like Windows Media Player, VLC player, etc.) open to play the piano click track, which you will listen to through headphones, while you use an app of your choosing on either your smartphone or computer to record your video! On a smartphone, you can use the built-in camera app that would record video. On a computer, you can use a program like QuickTime Player or Photobooth.
- Position yourself center in the frame so that your entire head and about half of your torso can be seen. You can hold your music, or read it from your screen, whichever you prefer. Try to look directly into the lens as much as possible!
- It's very important that you "practice" a number of times with the click track to get a feel for all of the tempi, ritards, etc before recording your video.

Other important things:

- It's very important that you perform the rests as indicated in the score, and not put any big breaths or final consonants where there *isn't* a rest marked in the score; This is so that everything will sound neat and tidy when all the voices are put together!
- Be sure to use headphones when recording; the piano part can't seep into the recording of your vocal part.
- Do a test run or two of your vocal recording. Things that will improve your recording include finding the right distance from your microphone, turning off any fans or HVAC to reduce any room noise, and doing your recording in a room with lots of fabrics and soft materials which absorb reflective sounds and result in cleaner recordings. If you have a pair of headphones with a built-in microphone, that will be better than singing into the phone or computer itself.