

ZOOM REHEARSAL IDEAS

- Invite outside guests - Coaches, Judges, Directors, Top Quartets, past members who moved away, other both barbershop and non-barbershop celebs, another chorus.
 - Judges for Category discussions and training
 - PVI under glass
 - Ted talks
 - Give a class
 - Updates on what they and their chapters are doing
 - Make it a surprise – announce there will be a guest just don't say who it is!
- Watch Videos together
 - ORIGINAL SOLOISTS FOR EMOTIONAL INTERPRETATION,
 - OTHER CHORUSES and Quartets
 - Use this as an opportunity to use/teach the 3 scoring categories
 - Watch a video from the “vault” – a past contest or performance and comment on it
 - Watch other non-barbershop videos, other performances of songs you sing, or something inspirational
- Use Breakout Rooms
 - maybe posing a fun question like “What made you laugh this week?”
 - interview a new guest
 - audition potential members
 - learn new songs in sections
 - to plan a tag team who sing through a song for the others
 - hold private PVIs
 - smaller groups talk about the emotional plan of a specific song
 - use these to provide more opportunity for everyone to speak about any topic
 - use these with an outside guest to teach how to be a better Lead, Bari, etc...
- Profile Members
 - “Getting to Know you Interview” - HOT SEAT Asking questions. This can be a one-on-one interview, or anyone can ask questions
 - Talent Show: Ask members to display their talent that other members would not be aware
 - Guess Who? Gather a few baby pix or teenager pix of members and have chorus guess who
- FUN GAMES
 - “Name that tune” game – play only the opening few notes
 - “Pictionary” game - can draw on Zoom using white board!
 - Theme Night—Bold Lips, Big Hats, Beach, PJs, etc.
 - Scavenger Hunt - “go and find me something that is...”
 - Hundreds of Karaoke songs available on You Tube – volunteers pick a song and you play it through ZOOM
 - Lead a campfire song, call and response, etc.

- Educational
 - “Tips and Tricks” taught by members (anything)
 - Theory classes
 - Section rehearsals
 - Learn New Music
- Social
 - “Dinner Club” - start 30 minutes early and have dinner together
 - “Good news” announcement at the beginning of rehearsal to add to connectivity
 - “What are you grateful for?” Ask members around the room to chime in
 - Afterglow
 - Invite former members from the Area
- Sing
 - Sing a few songs using tracks, or ask volunteers to sing while others sing along muted
 - Use warmup videos from Harmony university – available on BHS website – post them for pre-meeting warmups
 - Female tag teaching by Sonny Vande Putte holland harmony education team
 - Make a Virtual Choir Project – as long as you have a good tech person who can piece it together!
- Keep an eye on membership growth
 - Invite singers to join your virtual rehearsals – many local singing orgs may not be meeting!
 - Vet the singers in advance by conducting a short get to know you by phone or ZOOM
 - Do vocal assessment prior to your rehearsal
 - Auditions before rehearsal – they can sing along while playing part missing track
- Plan the evening in advance
 - Avoid overloading the schedule
 - Ask the membership what they want out of the evening
 - Set up different teams to plan part of, or, an entire virtual rehearsal
 - Use the free app ‘wheel of names’ to choose participants or topics
 - Consider another time during the week for classes, PVI, or social time
 - Great time to learn the Harmony Creed
 - Work on the visual and emotional plan of songs
 - Record your ZOOM sessions and post on your private FB page for all members to see and review
 - Keep it short – one hour to 90 minutes
 - Use the correct internet connections to be successful when sharing videos and audio tracks