

ACDA Webinar Revitalizing Elementary Choir

Elementary Choir: The Remix

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Why did you fall in love with singing?

- Whatever reason you gave- your singers feel that way too
- 2020 Taught us EVERYTHING can be changed - including choir

Coming to the Stage: YOU

- Sing for your students

Miss Mary Mack Song:

Miss. Mary Mack, Mack, Mack all dressed in Black, Black, Black with Silver buttons, buttons, all down her back, back, back - she asked her mother, mother mother, for \$.15 cents cents cents to see the elephants, elephants, elephants, jump over the fence, fence, fence- they jumped so high, high, high they reached the sky, sky, sky and they never came back, back, back till the fourth of July, July, July

- ROTE SINGING FOR THE WIN - its ok to teach songs without sheet music or a score - remember the alphabet song was learned without a score

Do I Know You? Building Relationships

- Build a playlist of their favorite songs to use for entrances and exits from rehearsal
- Trust ME- establish a culture of trust and WINS! My job is to enhance what you can already do - if thats singing 1 note in tune- then its my job to enhance that one note and turn it into 2
- MESS UP BIG! I sing all the time and sometimes my voice cracks - if it does I laugh and keep singing. I tell my students REHEARSAL is the BEST time to mess up - we are learning!
- When the choir achieves a milestone- CELEBRATE IT

Soooo What Are We Singing?

- Play to your strengths - if you are an expert in a genre of music- program it for your concert
- Create those OOh-AAh moments for the parents with songs that include body percussion, dance moves or even sing alongs
- Do you have a student who wrote a piece? What better way to celebrate a young composer than by programming their piece.

Here are some pieces I LOVE:

[Animal Imagination](https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/search.jsp?keywords=animal+imagination) - every choir i have performed this with has loved it

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[Feel Good](https://www.jwpepper.com/Feel-Good/1874163.item#.YXGJhEbMKqA)- I sang this as a kid but it still rocks today

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[Child of Peace](https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/search.jsp?keywords=child+of+peace&suggested=department-filter&pageview=list-view&departmentDescriptions=Choral)- it has 6 different Languages

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[Come and Trip It](https://www.jwpepper.com/Come-and-Trip-It/3129327.item#.YXGJM0bMKqB) - I love ooh ooh ooh part

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[Bist Du Bei Mier](https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/search.jsp?keywords=bist+du+bei+mier)

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[Pure imagination.](https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/search.jsp?keywords=pure+imagination+&suggested=department-filter&pageview=list-view&departmentDescriptions=Choral)

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Maria's Inspirational Moment:

2020 through so many obstacles at us- and through it all- we are still here striving to give our students the best. That is commendable. Every tool you need is already with you - you may just need someone to unlock it for you. Strive every day with a positive attitude and know that the sky's the limit for you and your students.

Thank you for attending today! If you have further questions or would like further information on booking Girl Conductor, Maria A. Ellis please contact her at:

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