Session #20: Virtual Choir, Kathleen Theisen

Chat Transcript from July 24, 2020

(Please note: Personal identifiers have been removed from the chat to protect the identity of the participants.)

Chat transcript

24 Jul, 2020 09:26:42 AM -. - "Hi. I'm excited for this session. I just know we will be asked to do this and it looks like a lot of work."

24 Jul, 2020 09:31:37 AM - - "I was asked to do this by my principal but I didn't know the first thing about doing a virtual choir."

24 Jul, 2020 09:32:07 AM - - "Looking forward to this as well. "

24 Jul, 2020 09:33:02 AM - "Has this started? I don't have anything yet."

24 Jul, 2020 09:34:03 AM - - "She is probably still answering questions"

24 Jul, 2020 09:36:32 AM -. - "I think most principals will see these performances online and think it is easy to do. We need to be educated to educate them."

24 Jul, 2020 09:36:51 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Hi everyone! "

24 Jul, 2020 09:37:08 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Sandy - tell them to call me! A 3 min. song takes at least 15 hours of editing! "

24 Jul, 2020 09:37:51 AM - "Adorable!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:38:05 AM - - "That was fantastic! "

24 Jul, 2020 09:38:19 AM - - "omg!! My daughter loved that lol"

24 Jul, 2020 09:38:33 AM - - "To continue your Headphones tip: If I wear earbuds I can record vid of myself speaking w/o allowing my computer sound to be heard into my recording? "

24 Jul, 2020 09:38:43 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "I made that the first week we were closed. "

24 Jul, 2020 09:38:54 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "YES ! Wear headphones "

24 Jul, 2020 09:39:06 AM - - "Okie TY Kathleen!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:39:54 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "That video with the puppts is on my youTube if you want to watch it again "

24 Jul, 2020 09:40:11 AM - - "which app is Apple only?"

24 Jul, 2020 09:40:21 AM - Musicplay Team - "We are LOVING all the interaction and questions you all have! If you have a question for Kathleen, please make sure you post it in the Question section (click the "Ask" button below to get there)!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:40:24 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "and all the puppets are either Aurora or The Puppet Store. The giant squawking flamingo scares my cats "

24 Jul, 2020 09:40:37 AM - Kathleen Theisen - " if you have a PC, Camtasia is almost the same "

24 Jul, 2020 09:40:44 AM - - "no I have apple"

24 Jul, 2020 09:40:50 AM - - "garage band"

24 Jul, 2020 09:41:00 AM - - "we have a cat named Rocky too"

24 Jul, 2020 09:41:50 AM - Kathleen Theisen - " ScreenFlow is apple only "

24 Jul, 2020 09:41:58 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Garage Band is also apple-only "

24 Jul, 2020 09:41:58 AM - Danche Agapieva - "beautiful"

24 Jul, 2020 09:42:00 AM - Pamela Wolfe Tehuiotoa - "Recorder Piece ~ Beautiful! "

24 Jul, 2020 09:42:03 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Audacity is both apple and PC "

24 Jul, 2020 09:42:07 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Thanks :) "

24 Jul, 2020 09:42:19 AM - Alexandra Rose Hood - "Love the watchmen hymn. I was just playing that this week on the piano. The alto line is my favorite :-D"

24 Jul, 2020 09:42:32 AM - Toni Quilico-Kriebel - "Garage band! Something I know! Lol"

24 Jul, 2020 09:43:34 AM - Cheryl Coker - "Is screenflow free?"

24 Jul, 2020 09:43:43 AM - Denise - "Love the Recorder piece - I play in a consort. What publication is it from?"

24 Jul, 2020 09:44:02 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "ScreenFlow is $ "

24 Jul, 2020 09:44:22 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "$129 "

24 Jul, 2020 09:44:47 AM - Kathleen Theisen - " that recorder quartet wasn't from a publication. I just made it up from the hymnal "

24 Jul, 2020 09:45:00 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "I had to transpose for alto recorder on the spot "

24 Jul, 2020 09:45:22 AM - - "There's a trial for ScreenFlow"

24 Jul, 2020 09:45:50 AM - - "Ahhh. I purchased Vegas Movie Studio 16 for about $60, and OBS (free) for screen recording back in April. Screenflow is probably easier to get around than Vegas, though. "

24 Jul, 2020 09:45:49 AM - - "How amazingly talented are you!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:45:57 AM - Musicplay Team - "We are LOVING all the interaction and questions you guys have! If you have a question for Kathleen, please make sure you post it in the Question section (click the "Ask" button below to get there)!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:46:19 AM - Denise - "Does Screenflow have the same kind of time lag that I get when using Screencastify? Video shows mouth moving, but it's not in sync with sound."

24 Jul, 2020 09:46:27 AM - - "One of my favorite songs!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:46:30 AM - - "LOVE that song so much!!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:46:55 AM - - "So Great!!!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:47:00 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "ScreenFlow has NO LAG "

24 Jul, 2020 09:47:03 AM - - "Kathleen, you make this all look so easy."

24 Jul, 2020 09:47:10 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "if you're seeing lag now, it's only from the broadcast speed "

24 Jul, 2020 09:47:21 AM - Kathleen Theisen - " it's easy once you figure out how to do it "

24 Jul, 2020 09:47:29 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "it's just multi-track recording "

24 Jul, 2020 09:47:51 AM - Denise - "I use QuickTime to screen record, but would like a better platform than Screencastify for my new Lesson planning videos."

24 Jul, 2020 09:47:59 AM - - "Can you use ScreenFlow with a PC?"

24 Jul, 2020 09:48:04 AM - - "Resourceful church musician has a great webinar showing how to do this as well. He uses DaVinci Resolve."

24 Jul, 2020 09:48:12 AM - Denise - "Right now, we've had to use 2 cameras and Scott puts them together."

24 Jul, 2020 09:48:12 AM - - "can you use screenflow on a chromebook?"

24 Jul, 2020 09:48:13 AM - - "In Artie's words....it's not hard, it's just new ;)"

24 Jul, 2020 09:48:28 AM - - "In this case, VERY new ;D"

24 Jul, 2020 09:48:34 AM - - "Do you use a special microphone for recording into your computer? "

24 Jul, 2020 09:48:54 AM - Denise - "Same - Very new for me too. I'm embarrassed at how little I know about video editing."

24 Jul, 2020 09:49:00 AM - - "Kathleen, you mentioned in the last session how much space videos are taking up on your computer. Do you store them on an external harddrive?"

24 Jul, 2020 09:49:21 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "ScreenFlow is apple only. If you are on a PC, use Camtasia or Adobe Premier. "

24 Jul, 2020 09:49:29 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "on ChromebOok, use screencastify or Loom "

24 Jul, 2020 09:49:42 AM -- "thanks"

24 Jul, 2020 09:49:45 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "@Polly I was not using an external mic at all "

24 Jul, 2020 09:50:17 AM - - "Do the students have to be a certain age to use Wevideo?"

24 Jul, 2020 09:50:24 AM - - "Kathleen, my current PC is on its way out. Would it be beneficial in your opinion to switch over to an apple"

24 Jul, 2020 09:50:30 AM - Kathleen Theisen - " I am not sure "

24 Jul, 2020 09:50:50 AM - - "Oh My! Jazz Stings! I'm in love!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:51:04 AM - Kathleen Theisen - " it really depends on what you're familiar with. I have been apple-only since 1997, but I use PC and chromebook at school, too. I prefer Mac b/c it's what I know "

24 Jul, 2020 09:51:11 AM - - "Sorry...that's Jazz STRINGS"

24 Jul, 2020 09:51:38 AM - - "but the students would have to pay for Acapella right? We aren't allowed to ask that in our school"

24 Jul, 2020 09:51:49 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "acapella has a free version "

24 Jul, 2020 09:52:06 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Lorie - yes, the H.S. in my district has a pop string group. "

24 Jul, 2020 09:54:37 AM - - "You record the accompaniment first, right?"

24 Jul, 2020 09:55:13 AM - - "the acapella app is very limited on the free version. One person can pay subscription (either by month or by year), then anyone else can use your account for the recording you are making. Only 9 squares. "

24 Jul, 2020 09:55:37 AM - - "Have to have an iphone or ipad for acapella app. No androids."

24 Jul, 2020 09:56:00 AM - Kathleen Theisen - " yes, accompaniment first. "

24 Jul, 2020 09:56:17 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "acappella is somewhat limited, yes. "

24 Jul, 2020 09:56:30 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "acapppella app has a beta version for non-apple devices "

24 Jul, 2020 09:56:54 AM - - "The guide track should go on? Sorry.....my video skipped! :("

24 Jul, 2020 09:57:22 AM - - " Guide track off"

24 Jul, 2020 09:57:25 AM - Denise - "Are you using Screenflow right now?"

24 Jul, 2020 09:57:34 AM - - "Thanks!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:57:42 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Denise - yes, this is SCreenFlow "

24 Jul, 2020 09:57:43 AM - - "use headphones"

24 Jul, 2020 09:57:49 AM - Denise - "There's no lag - your mouth and the words are IN SYNC - yay!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:58:05 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "there is never lag in ScreenFlow. wear headphones "

24 Jul, 2020 09:58:11 AM - - "I did an audio only mix and added a picture of my choir in the spring. Now that I've learned how to mix the audio, I'm ready to learn how to do the video."

24 Jul, 2020 09:58:18 AM - Denise - "LOVE it - best thing I've learned this conference."

24 Jul, 2020 09:58:51 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "asking them to drop the consonants drives the type-A singers INSANE! "

24 Jul, 2020 09:59:06 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "thanks, Denise! I am glad this is useful "

24 Jul, 2020 09:59:26 AM - Denise - "Did you edit this entire video in Screenflow?"

24 Jul, 2020 09:59:31 AM - - "why cut off final consonants when singing? oh easier to mix w other singers? "

24 Jul, 2020 10:00:52 AM - - "I hope you get paid a lot for all your hard work! Wow"

24 Jul, 2020 10:00:57 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "yes I edited the entire thing in ScreenFlow. "

24 Jul, 2020 10:01:05 AM - - "Kathleen, do you show us what a guide track looks like to send to your singers?"

24 Jul, 2020 10:01:07 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "it took about 20 hours to put it together! :) "

24 Jul, 2020 10:01:18 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "yes you can see my guide tracks! "

24 Jul, 2020 10:01:38 AM - - "Probably asked before, but is there a limit of videos that can be mixed together?"

24 Jul, 2020 10:02:53 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "No limit! "

24 Jul, 2020 10:03:13 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "ScreenFlow files are HUGE, though, so the more you add, the larger the file becomes. Some of them are 30GB! "

24 Jul, 2020 10:03:33 AM - - "If you add the copyright info on the video, do you need to contact the publisher?"

24 Jul, 2020 10:03:35 AM - - "you are a patient lady!! ...i would've just cut the track out completely if it was that bad lol"

24 Jul, 2020 10:03:56 AM - - "for permission to use the song"

24 Jul, 2020 10:04:36 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "When you export from SCreenFlow to a video file, it is smaller - mayb only 1 GB "

24 Jul, 2020 10:05:43 AM - Kathleen Theisen - " for copyright - My church owns a contract with SJMP.com for all of their publications (139 a year and unlimited use of all of their digital PDF music, etc) and we pay for separate publication and recording/streaming rights with CCLI and OneLicense."

24 Jul, 2020 10:05:51 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "I only record things covered by a license - OR in the public domain "

24 Jul, 2020 10:06:50 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "This was NOT out of sync on the guide tracks 'in real life' "

24 Jul, 2020 10:07:37 AM - - "Thank you "

24 Jul, 2020 10:07:55 AM - Kathleen Theisen – "HAHAHAH "

24 Jul, 2020 10:08:19 AM - - "This is a LOT of work!"

24 Jul, 2020 10:08:36 AM - - "Beautiful church! :)"

24 Jul, 2020 10:09:02 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Thanks! It's a cool place. I just started there in October, but used to sub for them. "

24 Jul, 2020 10:09:13 AM - Kathleen Theisen – "yes, it's a LOT of work "

24 Jul, 2020 10:09:25 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "but it keeps the choir CONNECTED and feeling like they 're in a community "

24 Jul, 2020 10:09:46 AM -. - "Definitely! The end product is so amazing"

24 Jul, 2020 10:10:40 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "it's easier to make the multi-track recording with just yourself "

24 Jul, 2020 10:10:54 AM - Musicplay Team - "We are LOVING all the interaction and questions you guys have! If you have a question for Kathleen, please make sure you post it in the Question section (click the "Ask" button below to get there)!"

24 Jul, 2020 10:12:22 AM - - "That song is pretty! Great singing Kathleen!!"

24 Jul, 2020 10:12:31 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "the song is from MUSICPLAY! "

24 Jul, 2020 10:12:38 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Denise wrote it! "

24 Jul, 2020 10:12:56 AM - - "beautiful! "

24 Jul, 2020 10:13:02 AM - Denise - "Kathleen - I love that you are showing us how to create an easy virtual choir that we could do with students!"

24 Jul, 2020 10:13:15 AM - Denise - "And using a Musicplay song is bonus."

24 Jul, 2020 10:14:01 AM - - "You have a beautiful voice Kathleen. I am learning lots in this session. "

24 Jul, 2020 10:14:33 AM - - "The layout and process is basically the same on wevideo."

24 Jul, 2020 10:14:53 AM - - "This could also be in a canon (2 beats apart)"

24 Jul, 2020 10:15:09 AM - Denise - " I think that's what Kathleen is doing now."

24 Jul, 2020 10:15:27 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Thanks! "

24 Jul, 2020 10:15:31 AM - - "Does it matter whether the video is horizontal or vertical?"

24 Jul, 2020 10:15:33 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Holly, doing that now "

24 Jul, 2020 10:15:34 AM - - "This is awesome, but not sure if it would be doable with my elementary students. athough.. they probably are more savvy than I am."

24 Jul, 2020 10:15:53 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "with elem, you could have each kid record a phrase and cut from student to student "

24 Jul, 2020 10:16:42 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "the nice thing about canons is that you could have a kid record it ONCE and then copy and paste and move the 2nd track 'over' to multi track it using just one recording "

24 Jul, 2020 10:16:49 AM - Denise - " in the Q&A we're ending with Make a Difference - a mashup of kids demo videos. One of the videos is Grade 1 students in Ecuador recording videos with the acc. track that they sent to their teacher who made it into virtual choir."

24 Jul, 2020 10:17:50 AM - - "i think it's safe to say that's it would be significantly easier to do this on a mac vs a PC"

24 Jul, 2020 10:18:18 AM - - "Wow! Kathleen you are a wealth of information! Thanks for all of your work on this!"

24 Jul, 2020 10:20:48 AM - - "Is there a way to get a copy of this video to show admin that yes, it IS possible to do a virtual choir BUT here is how much time and energy goes into a single performance!"

24 Jul, 2020 10:21:15 AM - - "save the "timing" slide from her handout"

24 Jul, 2020 10:21:46 AM - - "How do you split tracks in this please?"

24 Jul, 2020 10:21:51 AM - - "This is so interesting to watch! (The process)"

24 Jul, 2020 10:21:59 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "there's a 'detach audio' command "

24 Jul, 2020 10:22:19 AM - - "I'm not sure I'm up for all this...too difficult and time consuming! :("

24 Jul, 2020 10:23:45 AM - Kathleen Theisen - " you can do it on acappella app very quickly "

24 Jul, 2020 10:24:16 AM - "Valuable to teach round singing! Several on FB did this last spring. It was sooo good. Thanks for your expertise!"

24 Jul, 2020 10:26:22 AM - - "Acappella is available on iphone too right?"

24 Jul, 2020 10:26:35 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "yes acapella is an app for iOs devices"

24 Jul, 2020 10:26:40 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "they also have a beta for android "

24 Jul, 2020 10:26:47 AM - - "When your administrator wants you to do a virtual choir just show them this video. lol It really does take a great deal of time and patience to put this kind of performance together. It's really cool but very tedious to create."

24 Jul, 2020 10:27:01 AM - - "acapella app is really easy to use. The downside is the limited # of participants. I used it with my community children's choir. The HS kids could use it very easy, but some parents were better than others when it came to recording the younger kids. "

24 Jul, 2020 10:28:11 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "yes - it takes TIME "

24 Jul, 2020 10:28:16 AM - - " do you know off hand how many users allowed?"

24 Jul, 2020 10:28:24 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "9 - acapella "

24 Jul, 2020 10:28:35 AM - - "I agree - A piece of paper with hours listed is fine but a video makes a much more dramatic point! But I understand not wanting to share :)"

24 Jul, 2020 10:28:46 AM - - "How many for screenflow"

24 Jul, 2020 10:28:48 AM - - "Kathleen is really doing a wonderful job of showing us the process. Thank you Kathleen!"

24 Jul, 2020 10:29:21 AM - - "Is there a similar program to do this on a Lenovo laptop?"

24 Jul, 2020 10:29:23 AM - - "How did you learn all of this Kathleen? Did you just start playing with it, or did you have training?"

24 Jul, 2020 10:29:30 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Camtasia "

24 Jul, 2020 10:29:37 AM - - "what would you use on an IPAD"

24 Jul, 2020 10:30:06 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "I used to teach online classes when I was a professor - 15 years ago? I had to make tons of videos with Screenflow for an online music theory class "

24 Jul, 2020 10:30:22 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "I also used to beta-test for Apple "

24 Jul, 2020 10:30:27 AM - - "This has been SO HELPFUL!!!! Thank you!"

24 Jul, 2020 10:30:32 AM - - "I love editing. Maybe a side business if I wasn't teaching full time! (ha! ha!)"

24 Jul, 2020 10:30:33 AM - - "There is also a cost for the video software. I believe with we video you get 30 days free then you have to pay. Cost is determined by how many people will be making the video."

24 Jul, 2020 10:30:36 AM - - "I assume adding words at the right time is more complicated for a longer song not a canon."

24 Jul, 2020 10:31:34 AM - Kathleen Theisen - ""it really is that simple" DID I JUST SAY THAT? "

24 Jul, 2020 10:32:17 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Sandy - yes, for my church hymns, I add the words to go by bit by bit "

24 Jul, 2020 10:32:19 AM - - "Thank you, Kathleen!"

24 Jul, 2020 10:32:23 AM -- "Cute!"

24 Jul, 2020 10:32:44 AM - - "Nice organ"

24 Jul, 2020 10:33:19 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "it's an amazing organ! Wicks/Buchanan. I met Jonathan Buchanan in January when he came to work on something on it. He works on the Wannamaker organ in Philadephia, too! "

24 Jul, 2020 10:34:12 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "I was able to make that EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT in about an hour b/c I used Garage Band only for audio "

24 Jul, 2020 10:34:23 AM - - "What an eye-opening, informational session! Thanks so much!"

24 Jul, 2020 10:34:48 AM - - "she makes it look doable"

24 Jul, 2020 10:34:58 AM - - "I'm just tuning in as of a few minutes ago. what is the program that you use to make/edit your VC's?"

24 Jul, 2020 10:35:14 AM - Kathleen Theisen - " SCREEN FLOW 9 "

24 Jul, 2020 10:35:42 AM - - "thanks. is it Mac only?"

24 Jul, 2020 10:36:07 AM - - "She makes it look easy for her ;). Not so sure about me."

24 Jul, 2020 10:36:16 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "yes mac only, but if you have a PC, try Camtasia "

24 Jul, 2020 10:36:23 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "start with acappella or WeVideo "

24 Jul, 2020 10:40:51 AM - "omg that's a crazy amount of gb!!"

24 Jul, 2020 10:36:48 AM - - "The more challenging part is getting your students to actually follow directions when they are recording."

24 Jul, 2020 10:36:53 AM - Denise - "I downloaded the Screenflow Trial. If I can figure out how to work it, it's one baby step ahead of Screencastify."

24 Jul, 2020 10:36:57 AM - - "The organ has a nice tone, yes Wannamaker is one of the largest there is. I've been there. "

24 Jul, 2020 10:36:59 AM - - "ok. "

24 Jul, 2020 10:37:03 AM -- "Kathleen, you are amazing! Thanks for sharing!"

24 Jul, 2020 10:37:48 AM - - "I will definitely be doing this one again."

24 Jul, 2020 10:38:06 AM - - "I hope your church knows how blessed they are to have you doing all this. Amazing!"

24 Jul, 2020 10:38:16 AM - - "Great points Kathleen!"

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24 Jul, 2020 10:38:37 AM - - "Fantastic!"

24 Jul, 2020 10:38:43 AM - - "yes live!"

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24 Jul, 2020 10:39:06 AM - - "This was AMAZING!!!!!"

24 Jul, 2020 10:39:11 AM - - "Thanks, this is so helpful!"

24 Jul, 2020 10:39:23 AM - - "These presenters make me feel like I have no business being a music teacher."

24 Jul, 2020 10:40:10 AM - - "me too! But I'm sure you're amazing and your kiddos love you!"

24 Jul, 2020 10:40:56 AM - - "what brand are those drives?"

24 Jul, 2020 10:41:10 AM - - "You can also compress your files into Handbrake to make smaller file sizes"

24 Jul, 2020 10:41:15 AM - - "Everyone in our district has one of those to backup our computers. That is insane how many gb."

24 Jul, 2020 10:41:28 AM - - "I think that App is for both computer and Macs"

24 Jul, 2020 10:41:54 AM - - "So if your school wants you to do this they need to be willing to set you up with what you need. Computer, external drive, software, etc."

24 Jul, 2020 10:42:02 AM -. - " thanks. Guess I am trying to get better."

24 Jul, 2020 10:42:27 AM - - "CCLI"

24 Jul, 2020 10:44:56 AM - - "yes, acapella app has a 9 participant limit:)"

24 Jul, 2020 10:45:42 AM - - "Honestly the internal mics are pretty great!"

24 Jul, 2020 10:46:28 AM - - "What software do you use if you don't have a mac computer?"

24 Jul, 2020 10:48:25 AM -- "so the flipGrid records the backing track in a separate tab?!"

24 Jul, 2020 10:49:08 AM - - "Whatapp allows large files"

24 Jul, 2020 10:49:20 AM - - "A wealth of information. Thank you Kathleen and Musicplay!!"