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Top 5 essential apps for choral directors and choirs

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5 apps to streamline the running of your choir

Technology is increasingly becoming part of choir life, helping directors manage rehearsals, distribute music, communicate with singers, and support practice between sessions. Here are five apps that can streamline the running of a choir and enhance the rehearsal experience.

Best for score reading and annotation: ForScore



ForScore is one of the most popular score-reading apps for iPad users. It allows singers and conductors to organise, annotate, and perform directly from digital scores. The app partners with major digital sheet music retailers such as Musicnotes, Noteflight, and Virtual Sheet Music, while its built-in Scan feature converts printed scores into searchable PDFs.

Additional features include audio playback linked to scores, tempo and pitch adjustment, section looping, and automatic page turns during performance.

Best for singer practice and rehearsal support: cori



cori is designed to help singers continue learning between rehearsals. Choir directors can create and share custom practice tracks, provide feedback, post rehearsal notes, and distribute announcements or choreography videos.

The platform also supports sheet music and lyric sharing, smartphone annotation, live note-sharing, and event management tools such as calendars, RSVP tracking, reminders, and setlists.

Best for everyday musical utilities: Music Tools



Music Tools places essential practice tools directly on an iPhone's Lock Screen through widgets and Live Activities. Conductors and singers can quickly access a metronome, tuning reference, or other musical tools without navigating through multiple apps.

Its focus on speed and convenience has made it popular among professional musicians, educators, and conservatoire students.

Best for choir administration: ChoirMate



ChoirMate combines communication, scheduling, attendance tracking, and music sharing in a single platform. Available on iOS, Android, and the web, it enables directors to manage rehearsals and events while keeping singers informed and organised.

With more than 100,000 users worldwide, the platform is particularly useful for larger ensembles seeking a dedicated management solution.

Best for digital sheet music libraries: nkoda



nkoda offers subscription-based access to a large catalogue of licensed sheet music, educational materials, and performance editions. The platform is especially valuable for conservatoires, universities, schools, and performing organisations that require access to a broad range of repertoire.

For choirs *nkoda* can reduce reliance on physical scores while making it easier to distribute and access music across an ensemble.

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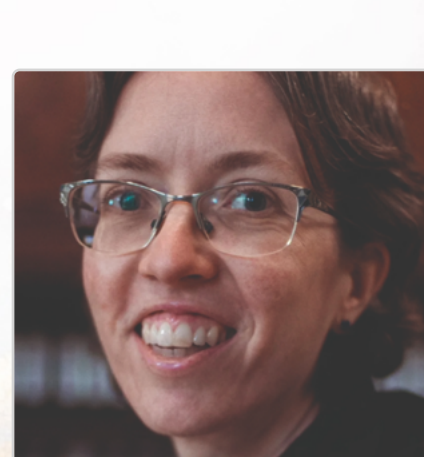
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