GOAL: to record your part of *HAPPY BIRTHDAY* onto an audio file that you will email to Maggie at phinneysings@gmail.com. Maggie will combine all the audio files together to get a full four-part 'choir' recording.

What you will need:

1. Your computer/laptop and your earbuds/earphones

2. your smart phone

3. Voice Memos (an app that comes with iPhones) or similar, like AudioMemos (free download); some way to record an audio file as you sing.

PREPARATION

On the practice tracks page of our website under SPRING PROJECTS you will find some "Backing Tracks" for *HAPPY BIRTHDAY* Be sure to review your part of *HAPPY BIRTHDAY* before attempting a recording.

THE NOTES ARE EASY - THE TIMING DURING THE SOLO IS WHERE YOU HAVE TO REALLY BE ON YOUR TOES. YOU WILL HAVE TO LISTEN TO THE TRACKS BEFORE RECORDING TO GET FAMILIAR WITH THE TIMING.

I have provided two files for each voice part:
1. your voice part alone
2. the backing track for your voice part which you listen to while recording. This track has your part, plus a metronome part, and the melody quietly singing in the background.

If you can't tell right away what's going on when you listen to the backing track, then listen to the file that is your part ALONE. Then go back to the backing track to review, and when you are ready, make your recording.

You MUST be listening to a backing track while you are recording your part so that we are all singing at the same tempo and in the same key when we combine the voices!

Keep in mind, you can do as many takes as you want before sending one to me! When you have made your recording, save and "share" via email to phinneysings@gmail.com

Note: To get the best sound you need to be the right distance from your phone (recording device). Do a test and make sure you aren't so close that you are causing feedback, or so far that the sound is weak. About 1.5 to 2 feet might work well.

SET UP (once you know your part and feel ready to record….) :

PLUG your headphones into your LAPTOP/COMPUTER and don the headphones.
On your computer, locate your backing track (on our website.)

Open the recording app on your phone (VoiceMemos etc)

RECORD:

1. First start recording on your phone app. (Usually by pressing a record button)
2. Next hit play on the backing track (on your computer).
3. Now Sing!
4. When done, stop, save, and send to Maggie!

Good luck! Let me know if you have any questions and send your recordings to:
phinneysings@gmail.com