Hi, my name is Milt Harper, and I serve as President of the SOGO board.

Just a month ago, I was looking forward to our second rehearsal of March and getting ready for an exciting spring concert. A lot has changed since then! Speaking for the conductors, teaching artists, staff, and board members, I can’t tell you how much we miss coming together and sharing the joy of music with you each week. But we know keeping our distance is important now -- for the safety of each of us, our friends, and our loved ones.

For many of us, making music together and the connection it brings is a vital part of our lives. Not being together, we can feel separated and alone. I am grateful to all of our members and staff who have shared their music remotely over the last few weeks -- so keep it up!

When It is allowed and we can safely gather, we will be coming back together as a group. Our leaders are busy developing adaptable plans so we’ll be ready to do something when the time comes.

Although we won’t be able to have a spring concert on May 17th as we had planned, we still intend to do something special that afternoon, so keep your schedules open that day and watch for details coming soon. Until then, I have three things to ask:

* be safe
* stay connected by enjoying music with your family and with your SOGO friends through Flipgrid
* and along with us, look forward to coming back together again soon

Take care and see you on May 17th