

Workshop

## Zion Choir

Presenter

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What is a Zion Choir? A Zion Choir is unified in **SOUND, SPIRIT** and **EXPRESSION**.

What's my job as a conductor?

- The primary duties of the conductor or choirmaster are to **UNIFY** performers, set tempo, execute clear preparations and beats, and to listen critically and shape the sound of the ensemble.

### Tools to help Unify Choir Singers:

#### **LISTEN** TO THREE MAIN AREAS:

1. Breathing
2. Dynamics
3. Vowels

#### UNIFIED SOUND:

1. Warm -up
2. Make sure you can hear the singer on the right and left of you.
3. Sing with pure vowels. True Oh, Ah and OO vowels for example.
4. Sing into your voice but don't over sing to be heard. This will wear you out.
5. Mark your music. (i.e. when to breathe and stagger, dynamics, vowels)

#### UNIFIED SPIRIT:

1. Start Choir on Time
2. Be a Leader (your pianist or other choir members are not in charge).
3. No chatting any between singing and direction from Conductor.
4. Praise God through your efforts.

#### UNIFIED EXPRESSION:

1. Know your music (rhythm, tempo, dynamics, breaths and all singing parts.)
2. Watch your singers...consistently demand they watch you.
3. Special Music Moment

“Inspirational music is an essential part of our church meetings. The hymns invite the Spirit of the Lord, create a feeling of reverence, **UNIFY** us as members, and provide a way for us to offer praises to the Lord.”

*-First Presidency*