



Celebrating the achievements and life events of the MasterVoices singing members!

MV Members: To Infinity, and Beyond!

Lauren Tucker (alto, & Singers Council Pres) is a NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador. In this role, she helps to engage the general public around space exploration.

On the night of the recent Artemis II launch, Lauren co-hosted a virtual launch party for over 60 families of 3rd-5th grades with Michael Wilkinson, math and science teacher and NASA Principal Investigator for plant growth experiments aboard the International Space Station, and Mary Cardenas, who worked with Aerojet Rocketdyne as an engineer and worked on the main engines for the Space Shuttle - 3 of the 4 Artemis II engines were reconditioned engines from the Shuttle and the students were so excited to learn they were chatting with someone who actually worked on the launch hardware.

The students asked many wonderful questions, from what the astronauts eat, to how they sleep, to the physics and engineering of the launch. They also were very curious about how the astronauts go to the toilet in space, which is probably the most common question Lauren gets! Once the astronauts were on orbit, Lauren asked what the participants' favorite part was. Many found the last few seconds of launch countdown to be the best part, others loved the moment the crew was in micro-gravity. The adults all commented that they were holding their breath until the main engines cut off and the capsule was flying freely in Earth orbit!

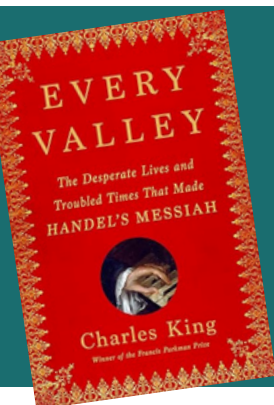
Lauren says, "As you gaze at the Moon this week, take a moment to consider the four astronauts, and the thousands of ground support crew, as the Artemis II mission passes around the far side of our nearest neighbor in space." Doesn't get cooler than that! Brava Lauren!



MV Book Club

Join the **MV Book Club**! We meet in-person once a month to discuss a music-related book. It's a fun and informal gathering with great discussion (and treats!).

Our next book is *Every Valley: The Desperate Loves and Troubled Times That Made Handel's Messiah* by Charles King on **April 25 @ 10:30am** (venue TBC). Available via [Amazon](#), [Bookshop](#), or the [New York Public Library](#). Email [Luisa](#) to get on the mailing list for updates or check the Members Area.





Mary Fan (alto) recently fulfilled a dream of having an aerial experience from a hot air balloon! The experience was with Fly Karavek, hosted by Aerial Physique & Aerial Coach Gabe. Mary says “it was a surreal experience and I’m looking forward to many more aerial adventures!” Brava Mary!



In early April, **Beatriz de Mello** (alto) accompanied her multi-talented voice student Romano Cirillo (who is also an expert marimba player) and a jazz ensemble at the Montclair Art Museum’s Earth Day celebration. Brava Beatriz and students!



Ned Fitch (bass) is in training to run the Boston Marathon on April 20. This will be Ned’s tenth marathon, and will make him eligible for the Six Star Medal which is awarded to runners who complete the original 6 Abbott World Marathon Majors (Chicago, Berlin, Tokyo, London, Boston, & New York). Good luck Ned!



Kate Chapman (soprano) is gauging MV member interest in creating other singing opportunities in our community. There are currently 3 proposed ideas including master classes, a cabaret, and singing activism. If you’re interested or want more info, please complete [this survey](#).

Thank you for reading! Would you like to be included in the MV Member Newsletter? Share your good news, plug your business, and/or tell us about your next performance/event! Please include your voice part and a photo of yourself. Deadline is the last day of each month at 12pm. Email: llyons@mastervoices.org