



Tips for your Best Video Audition

- Change your files settings to something larger:
 - 720p at 30fps (Mac/iPhone) or VGA 640x480 (Android)
 - File sizes should be under or around 100MB
- Slate: Don't rush through it! Speak clearly and enunciate. This is the handshake of your video audition. We all get nervous at these moments! But you want to appear happy and confident to be doing this video and provide all the necessary information.
 - Clearly state your name, school, song title, character and show title **prior** to performing.
 - Example of scripts:
 - Hello! My name is Grace Janiszewski and I will be performing a 32-bar cut of "Vanilla Ice Cream" sung by the character Amalia from the musical *She Loves Me*.
 - "Hello! My name is Grace Janiszewski and I will be performing the full song "On My Own" sung by the character Epinine from the musical *Les Misérables*."
- Wear something that makes you feel great in but is also simple. This doesn't have to reflect that character and we don't want it to pull away from your performance.
- If you have long hair, make sure it is **not** in your face. We want to see your full expression!
- Set your camera in LANDSCAPE mode (horizontal/the long way).
- Set your stage, tidy up the space around you to make sure the focus is on you.
- Place your camera somewhere about face height, (we don't want to see up your nose!) We want to see you from your mid-chest up.
- Steady your phone. If possible, use a tripod or somewhere else that is stationary. If someone has to hold the phone, have them steady themselves on something stationary like a table — shaky videos are very hard to watch.
- Pay attention to your light. Make sure you're not backlit or in shadow. Use light from a window or lamp to make sure people can see your face.
- Shoot in a quiet space. Turn off anything making sound (clocks, fans, etc.). Listen to the sound quality of a room — if there's a lot of echo try somewhere else. Make sure your hair isn't brushing up against the mic.
- Try to have your recording/karaoke track you sing along with come from another device. The device you are singing into needs to pick up your voice not the accompaniment. Do a mic check and get closer if needed. We want to hear you!
- Above all, be yourself. Sing clearly and with confidence. Don't rush through what you want to say, but be you! Let your personality shine through and have fun with it.
- You may want to film multiple takes, have a friend take a look and then send us your best one!