

Tips to Recording a Quality Performance Video

- **DO have good lighting.**

Good lighting is probably the single biggest determining factor in the quality of your video image. Well-lit subjects shot with an average camera will produce a better picture than poorly lit subjects shot with a high-quality camera.

- **DO have good sound.**

If you are planning to play music from another device in your recording do a couple of takes to see where the placement of the device is in relationship to your camera. Try moving it closer...farther...adjusting the volume, etc. If you are singing, you are looking for a balance between your voice and the music. If you are dancing, you want to make sure the music is loud enough for the view to hear. If you are playing an instrument, try different distances between where you are playing/ where your camera recording.

- **DO use a tripod.**

Use a tripod or other stabilization techniques.

- **DO plan.**

Write/rehearse the narration or your "slate". Plan the shots. Spike with tape where you are going to stand/ sit to make sure you are centered in the frame, when recording. If you are moving in the video, make sure you do not go outside the frame.

- **DO scout out the best location**

You remember what you see more than what you hear. Choose an area that has a neutral/ plain background, is free from clutter/ objects as much as possible. It is important for the viewers to focus on YOU, not your background.

- **DO dress to impress**

Start by coordinating your costume/ attire with your teachers. In general, avoid clothing that is too casual or patterned. Think of how you dressed for the Winter Concert at school. For example: All black or white top, black bottoms/Dressy Casual to Dressy. Think about the color you are wearing in relationship to your background, as well. For example, if you plan to shoot your video in front of a white wall, don't wear white!

- **DO ensure you are uploading/ sharing in the highest resolution possible**

When videos are recorded on your phone and uploaded from your phone to Google drive they are compressed, resulting in loss of video quality. The best course of action is to download your video to your computer (from your phone or from iCloud) and send to your teacher through WeTransfer.com.

Samples of successful virtual performance recordings:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIicKxG_S8M

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdnjHsXvqf0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxNdyhgsH1Y>