



***Tips for Filming for
2021 Las Casas Foundation Performing Arts Scholarship Program Audition Video***

- Slate at the beginning of your audition video; state your name and the piece or pieces you will be performing.
- Keep it simple! No excessive background scenery (bookcase, wall art or photos, plants, etc.) and basic lighting (nothing artistic). Do not film with large windows behind you. Backlighting will cause your camera's iris to close, making you appear underexposed.
- Check sound quality before filming to avoid sounding tinny or having an echo, and ensure the piano or track does not overpower the singer. If using a track, your music playback device should be separate from your filming device.
- Clean the lens. If there is a protective case covering the lens, take that off. It may obscure to image.
- Make sure the space is quiet and that everyone in the house is aware that you are filming to maintain that quiet time; this includes outdoor activities.
- The light and camera should be a straight shot, not angled up/down or to the side. Direct, head on, front and center!

Technical Tips:

- Make sure your device is fully charged.
- Film with the rear camera lens. Most camera phones have a significantly better rear facing camera.
- Do not zoom in or use the zoom lenses on your device. This means you will have to physically move the device to achieve the desired frame.
- Film horizontally. Do NOT film vertically. The frame should be wider than it is tall.
- Do not hold your device while filming. Use a tripod or other objects to help steady and elevate your device hands-free.
- Disable data & Wi-Fi to avoid incoming messages or notifications that would cause noise or vibrations.