



Musician Video Audition Prep

This guide offers important suggestions to help you prepare for a musician video audition.

Video Recording Basics

- **Record in one continuous take.** No edits, cuts, splicing, or pitch correction.
- Use any device (phone/tablet/computer) in a quiet, well-lit space.
- File size must be under 5 GB.
- Accepted formats include: MP4, MOV, AVI, FLV, WebM, WMV, etc.
- Recommended: high-quality resolution if available.

What Your Video Must Include (in order):

- **Before each section**, announce clearly your name, solo piece title, scale name, and excerpt title(s).
- **Then record**, in one take:
 - Solo piece: 1-3 minutes (best selection allowed)
 - Scale: appropriate to your level, showing range
 - Excerpts(s) based on ensemble(s) you're applying for
 - Concertino strings/wind orchestra: prepare only the designated excerpt
 - Repertory jazz: no excerpts required

Camera Setup and Framing

- Camera must stay **fixed** the entire time.
- Your **face, hands, instrument, and technique** must be fully visible.
- Avoid blocking yourself with a music stand.
- **Instrument-specific framing:**
 - Violin/Viola: side view showing bow and left hand
 - Cello/Bass: angled right side ($\approx 45^\circ$) showing both hands
 - Winds/Brass: full instrument and embouchure visible
 - French Horn: right side view so hand position is visible



Musical Preparation Tips:

- Choose a solo that highlights **tone, control, and musicality**.
- Mark music clearly (breaths, bowings, articulations).
- Practice with a **steady pulse** — especially for excerpts.
- Run **mock takes** to simulate the one shot format.
- Prioritize **clarity over speed** in scales and sightreading.

What To Prepare Before Recording:

- Instrument in good working condition.
- Extra reeds/strings/valve oil/rosin/etc.
- Tuner and metronome.
- Printed music (off-camera).
- Quiet space with good lighting.
- Device fully charged or plugged in.

Before Uploading:

- Watch your full video to confirm:
 - It plays correctly.
 - No edits or glitches.
 - Audio is clear.
 - Your announcements are included.
- Name your file correctly: **FirstName_LastName_Instrument**.
- If using a cloud link, ensure **viewing permissions** are enabled.