

Making the best video for a virtual choir

1. Your phone is just fine. You must have headphones.
2. Make sure you position your phone or device, so you get the best possible sound. If you're using a nice camera and microphone, great! Try to eliminate background noise as much as you can and try to avoid distortion by getting too close to the mic (this can be the hardest part!). You will only be recording your voice. Do not let any other sound come into the track other than your voice. None of the original track, for example.
3. Light your face from the front, not the back. Make sure your head takes up the most space in the screen. The video will be small. Just your face is best!
4. Keep the phone or recording device stationary.
5. There is going to be a clap count of 4 needed to line up the video/audio. This will either be before or during the video, dependent on what is needed. Clap big, loud, on camera, and in time.
6. You will watch a video of me conducting (my performance video will be different). This will also provide you the audio so you can stay in tune. I recommend this is on a laptop or computer. Then you record on your phone.
7. Memorized is best but, if you use music, have it up near the screen so the camera can see your face.
8. Rehearse, rehearse, and then rehearse some more.
9. Record on your phone **using headphones.**, then press play on the conducting video. Line up the clapping, then go! Sing the song, beginning to end, in one take, leaving a few seconds at the end for "applause". The chance of doing it in one take is rare – it's ok to do multiple takes.
10. Listen and watch (this is the next toughest part – this is very humbling) and, if you are OK with it send it in! Make sure the file is named (your name and voice part is fine) Just download it into the google drive folder by the link I sent you.

Audio suggestions:

- **ALWAYS USE HEADPHONES**
- If you have access to an external microphone, that will usually yield better quality audio.
- Apps:
 - [Mideo](#) Lets you record video and play an audio file simultaneously
 - [Filmic Pro](#) gives you improved advanced camera and audio controls.
 - Use your phone camera. Experiment with placement and orientation for the best sound.
 - If you have a Mac, you can use Photobooth with external or internal mic to record.

Video Suggestions

- Use a well-lit area so we can see your face and your instrument.
- Don't worry about any specific fancy attire - come as you are.

Note: If you'd rather just send audio, that's fine too!

I am always here for musical and technical questions!