

Pre-Recorded Video Checklist

Your video can be as simple as a recorded concert, but can incorporate more creative ideas. Think about the visual elements you can add to your performances like original artwork, a dance, or even a puppet show!

- Finalize the songs you'll perform in your video and make practice plans.
- Decide on a video theme and title. What makes your video unique? What visual elements can you add to your music?
- Set a premiere date for your video with your teacher.
- Record your performances.
- Record additional visual elements, if applicable.
- Edit your video using whatever video editing software you're comfortable with. Here's a list of free editing softwares you can use:
 - iMovie (for Mac)
 - Adobe Rush (available as a free trial)
 - Openshot
- Make a thumbnail or title card.
- Write a video description that includes:
 - The title of your video
 - Your name and instrument (and your collaborator's if you have an accompanist)
 - List of the pieces you're going to perform (and the composer, if known)
- Ask your teacher to fill out the announcement form in advance of your video premiere.
- Export your video as an mp4 file. Ask your teacher to submit your video to Orpheus for uploading to YouTube.

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- Make sure your video is horizontal, stable, and well lit
- Make sure there is no background noise in your video

- Record your best playing
- Everyone on-screen should be focused, happy, and presentable
- When editing your music, let the final note ring out completely. Don't cut off the end of your song too early
- If you're including pictures or videos that you did not create yourself, only use content that is in the "[public domain](#)." Using material you made yourself is best.
- Download the official Orpheus "end-screen" and place it at the end of your video. [Download HERE](#) (or ask your teacher)
- Make sure your Thumbnail or Title card is landscape and has a high resolution. YouTube recommends that your thumbnail be 1280×720 pixels.