

## Produced Album Checklist

Record a digital album that your friends and family can stream and download! You can also make a physical copy of your album, if you choose!

- Finalize the tracklist for your album and decide on an album title. What is the theme of your album? How can you use multiple instruments to make your songs stand out?
- Set a release date for your album with your teacher.
- Practice recording your songs at home with a smartphone or other device, listen back to your recordings and think about how you want your final recording to sound.
- Record each of your songs. Your songs can include multiple tracks with different instruments. Experiment with mixing your songs. What happens if you make some tracks quieter or louder?
- Create album artwork by hand, or digitally. If you make your artwork by hand, take a high quality photo or scan of your art. Share it with your teacher when you're done. Your artwork should include:
  - A square album cover.
  - A landscape banner image (optional).
- Write an album description that includes:
  - Your name and instrument (and your collaborator's name and instrument if you have an accompanist).
  - A brief description of what makes your album unique, or why you like the songs you chose.
- Publish your album on the Orpheus BandLab. Your teacher will help you do this during your lesson.
- If you would like a physical copy of your album you can burn a CD or send your album to a vinyl pressing company! Here's a list of companies that print single vinyls (feel free to do your own research): [In The Clouds](#), [American Vinyl Company](#), [Vinylify](#).
- Ask your teacher to fill out the announcement form to share your album with Orpheus.

### ★ PROFESSIONAL GUIDELINES

- Make sure there is no background noise in your recording.

- Record your best playing.
- Make sure that each song has a clear beginning and ending.
- Make sure your album art has a high resolution. BandLab recommends that your cover art is at least 500x500 pixels, and that your banner art is at least 975x180 pixels.
- If your album art includes pictures that you did not create yourself, only use content that is in the "[public domain](#)." Using pictures you made yourself is best.
- Make your album stand out by adding Bonus Content! Bonus Content can be anything from an 'About Me' page, to behind the scenes photographs, to lyrics sheets, to additional artwork, and more!