

PART 3: Video Recording Tips

When you're on stage it's important you are well-lit and the audience can hear you. It's the same when you're on video. So here's a check list of video recording tips to ensure your performance shines:

- 1) Lighting - Check to see if it's too dark or blown out. Natural light from a window works really well. Are there any weird shadows? Bring in some additional lighting using lamps or flood lights from the garage.
- 2) Sound - Can you be easily heard on a laptop computer with the volume at a normal level? Are there distracting room noise that needs to be turned off i.e. dishwasher, tvs, air conditioner, and open window?
- 3) Orientation - Shooting your video horizontally will fill the viewing audience's entire screen. So unless it's a clear choice avoid recording your video vertically which places weird empty boxes on the sides of a viewers screen.
- 4) Accompaniment Tracks - We suggest the tracks be played on a separate bluetooth stereo speaker. So if you're recording your scene on your laptop, have the track cued up and connected to your speaker. Make sure the speaker volume isn't too soft or too loud. It should be around the same volume as your singing voice.
- 5) Framing - For most of the scenes, you should be in the center of the frame with the bottom of the frame at the center of your chest and the top of the frame slightly above the top of your head.
- 6) Positioning - Unless written differently in the script, the camera should remain in one steady position throughout the scene.
- 7) Background - Try to avoid a background being the same color as your clothes. You may blend in too much.