

## **Basic Guidelines for Video**

- 1. You will need two devices to record your video. It can be a cellphone, a tablet, an iPad or a computer. Use the better quality device to record the video.**
- 2. Use one device, with headphones, to hear the playback of reference track. Use a second device to record the video. You should not hear the accompaniment on your video.**
- 3. Find a well-lit place to record the video, Solid color for the background is best, or a place where the background isn't too cluttered.**
- 4. Look straight at the camera. Try to keep the camera at eye level, not below or above you. Landscape mode is best if that's possible. (The picture is wider from side to side.) If that's not possible, record in whatever manner works best for you**
- 5. Smile and look as though you are performing from the moment the music starts regardless of whether you are singing. You can move to the music if you would like. At the end of the song allow the video to keep recording for a few seconds after the audio recording has stopped.**
- 6. If you are using sheet music, try not to rustle your papers while you are singing.**

**If possible, do a little test to see if the video is centered and clearly lit; and to hear if the volume is good and there isn't background noises. After recording your video, watch and listen to the video. Check for a good lighting and a good volume.**