

# NSA VIDEO SUBMISSION GUIDELINES



## NATS VIDEO AUDITION CHECKLIST

RECORD IT. SHARE IT. OWN THE STAGE.



Student Auditions

National Association of Teachers of Singing



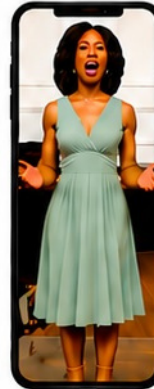
**DO THIS**  
RECORD HORIZONTALLY  
(Landscape)



GIVES JUDGES THE BEST VIEW!



**NOT THIS**  
RECORD VERTICALLY  
(Portrait)



VS.

Uses less screen space & doesn't show your best.



Questions? Check the official NSA Video Submission Guidelines at [nats.org](https://nats.org) or ask your teacher.



### CAN THE JUDGES SEE YOU?

#### YES!

- ✓ Face is visible
- ✓ Full or upper body in the frame
- ✓ Good lighting
- ✓ Expression & storytelling are easy to see

#### NOPE!

- ✗ Dark or backlit
- ✗ Half your body off screen
- ✗ Camera pointed too high or low
- ✗ Face hidden behind music stand



### SOUND CHECK

#### DO

- ✓ Make sure judges can hear YOU
- ✓ Balance singer & track
- ✓ Watch your video before uploading
- ✓ Are you using an amplified mic in CM?

#### DON'T

- ✗ AutoTune
- ✗ Audio filters
- ✗ AI voice enhancement
- ✗ Audio editing



### ONE TAKE ONLY

#### DO



Record each song in ONE continuous take. Start. Perform. Stop.

#### DON'T



No splicing.  
No editing mistakes out.  
No combining takes.



### ACCOMPANIMENT

#### BEST CHOICE

Live collaborative pianist



#### REMEMBER

- ✓ Instrumental tracks are allowed for CM only.
- ✓ Use legal music.
- ✓ Follow copyright rules



### LOOK PROFESSIONAL

#### THINK:

- ★ Recital
- ★ Audition
- ★ Masterclass

#### DON'T WEAR:

- ✗ Pajamas
- ✗ Costumes

### FINAL UPLOAD CHECKLIST



Slate on each video



Sound checked



Video watched completely



Landscape video



Correct repertoire



Uploaded before deadline



Good lighting



Singer visible



Single-take recording



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### YOUR GOAL:

MAKE IT EASY FOR ADJUDICATORS TO FOCUS ON

- ★ YOUR SINGING
- ★ YOUR STORYTELLING
- ★ YOUR ARTISTRY

— NOT ON TECHNICAL PROBLEMS.



### TOP 5 MISTAKES



Recording vertically



Performer too close



Missing deadlines



Poor lighting



Uploading the wrong song