

# Premier Audition Application Requirements for Songwriting

All applicants to Performers National Signing Day are required to record an audition video that includes the content outlined below.

- Each performance segment must be recorded in one take with no editing (though you may and should select the best of several takes).
- All videos must be recorded within the six months prior to the application deadline.
- Professional equipment and/or studio space is not necessary for a successful application to Performers National Signing Day. With attention to a few details, your music making can be conveyed using readily available consumer electronics; even iPhone or other smartphone recordings are acceptable.
- Please refer to [Audition Tech Tips](#) for additional information and suggestions for effectively recording your audition.

## Required Video Segments for Songwriting

### Video 1

**Introduction:** Before you record your first musical selection, please include a spoken introduction in which you state your name, instrument/voice part, hometown, and state.

**Required Musical Selections:** You are asked to record only one video. Perform and/or demonstrate at least three selections from the below requested material:

- A performance piece of choice on primary instrument
- A song for solo voice with piano or guitar accompaniment
- A song written in the pop-rock style
- A ballad written in the musical theater style, pop style, CCM style, and/or Rock or Hip-Hop style
- A song written in the Rap style
- A song written in the folk-song style or Country Music style
- A song written as an expression of faith

*(A recording of each submitted song is optimal.)*

- Announce the title of the song and the songwriter before you begin the performance for each song. As songwriter, announce your full name.

## **Video 2**

**Video Essay:** Please record a 2 to 3-minute answer to **one** of the following questions:

- What is a non-musical or dance interest or activity about which you are passionate and why?
- What musician or dancer (of any genre/of any time) most inspires you and why (or how)?
- What do you anticipate your professional life to look like in 5 years, 10 years, and 20 years?
- What musical experiences have influenced your life and will continue to shape you as a person?

### **Print Music Resources**

Lead sheets for the required titles can be purchased online:

- SheetMusicPlus.com
- Amazon.com

Also, here are two sources for finding public domain sheet music:

- Educational Music Service ([www.emsmusic.com](http://www.emsmusic.com))
- Kalmus ([www.efkalmus.com](http://www.efkalmus.com))