

Standard Audition Application Requirements for Jazz Vocal Performance

All applicants to Performers National Signing Day are required to record a standard audition video which 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 Jazz Vocal Performance

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.

Musical Selections: You are asked to record only one video.
Auditionees sing two songs below:

- A medium swing tempo song from the *Great American Songbook* (120-160 bpm)
- A jazz (or jazz-rock) ballad
 - You are asked to announce the title of the work and composer and/or arranger before you begin the performance for each required tune/style/excerpt for your instrument.
 - If you wish to demonstrate proficiency on a doubling or secondary instrument, you must include one or two additional examples.
 - Applicants may perform unaccompanied, with a live rhythm section, or with prerecorded rhythm tracks.

Video 2

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

- 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 tunes 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)
- Kalmus (www.efkalmus.com)