

VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING TIPS

Try to find as quiet and soundproof a room as possible, and minimize any potential background noise, i.e. air conditioners, fans, neighbors! Also, the less live the room (echo), the better. Carpets, curtains, and comforters are your friend!

Do a test recording at the distance you plan to sing. Try singing the loudest passages and see if the audio sounds distorted. If you hear distortion, step further away from the device. Ideal distance might be standing 2-3 feet from your recording device. If you back too far away, you might pick up room noise, and your voice may be too quiet, which isn't ideal either. At any rate, please pay attention to your personal singing levels. But don't stand too far from your video source. We do not want a lot of background so please stand close enough to see mostly your head and chest when standing. A simple background and good lighting are ideal. NO backlighting or dark shadows on your face, please! Remember where the camera is on your device so you can sing in that direction. Look happy and smile as you sing!

You need to use 2 separate devices to perform separate tasks. For example, you might use a tablet or computer to listen to the guide track using headphones, while your smartphone videos and records your face and audio (see photo below). The devices we have at our disposal will vary from person to person. So, you will have to figure out on your own how you will video yourself while listening to the guide track in your headphones at the same time.



WHAT TO DO: VIDEO CHEAT SHEET

We should only hear your voice in the recording ... NOT THE GUIDE TRACK

Dress in your Hoover gear, or purple, white, or black!

1. Need 2 devices, plus headphones.
2. Find a quiet place to record
3. Press record and wait 5 seconds
4. Start guide track, clap at start, sing and clap along--don't forget to smile, have fun!
5. Wait 5 seconds at the end
6. Press stop

Check recording and if it looks and sounds okay, upload to the Google Form at [HooverChoir.net/FromNowOn](https://www.hooverchoir.net/FromNowOn).