

PHOENIX

CHAMBER CHOIR

How to make a good
video recording

1. Know your music
really well!

Music making noise and causing you to look down



- Distracting movement in the video and extra noise

Eye contact with camera allows viewers to connect



- You should feel a little silly singing to the camera, and remember your camera is not at the center of the screen of your phone!

2. Pick a location

2a. Consider light source



- Lighting from one side results in odd shadows

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- Lighting from behind results in the camera re-focusing and adjusting the brightness throughout the video (dark to light)

2b. Sound quality is important



- Choose space with soft things around (even if not in the frame) and even lighting from front

2c. Consider a clean background



- It doesn't have to be a wall - just something less busy if possible with even lighting.

3. Set up recording
device location

3a. Head to mid-chest in LANDSCAPE



- Uneven angles and amounts of background causes problems for cropping of videos
- Use self-facing camera to check that head to mid-chest are in the frame with background!

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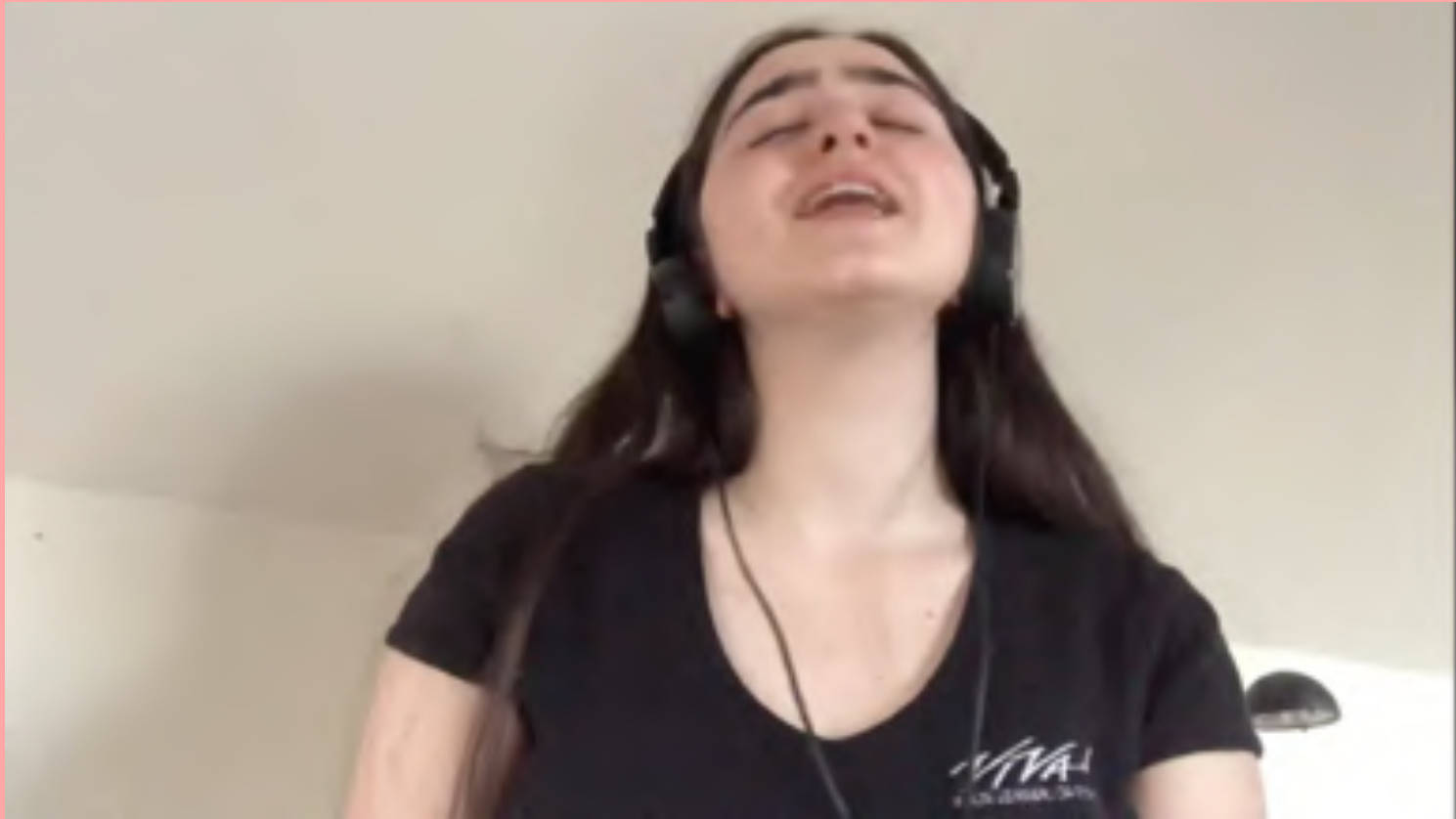
- This camera is too close. I cannot crop this to make you similar size to all other singers (and lighting issue)

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- Better to include more background for cropping purposes. Would ideally include a little further down, but at least the camera is at eye level

3b. Camera close to eye-level



- The camera is very low and you end up seeing a less flattering angle...

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- The camera is positioned a little too low in this video and the light source is not ideal (causes flares in the video)

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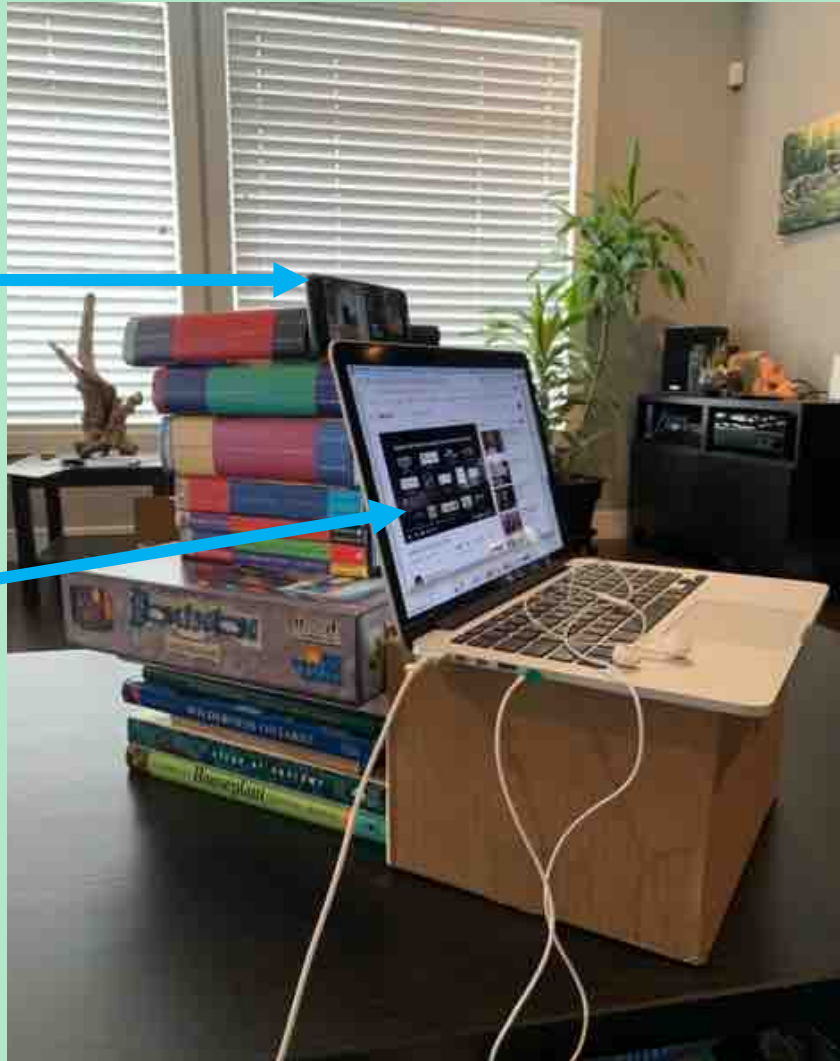


- The camera should be located so you can make eye contact with the camera without compromising your singing posture.

3c. Can create a higher place for camera

Phone camera
for recording

Laptop for
display of video
or guide track



4. Energy cannot be
engineered



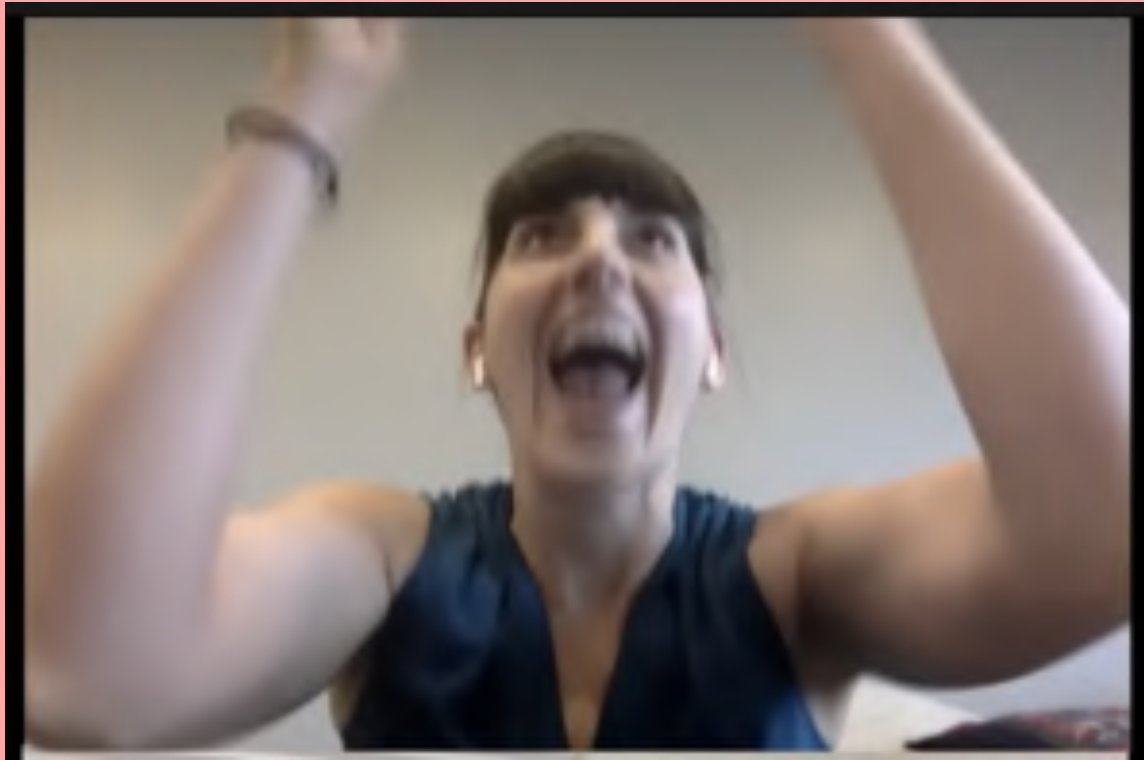
- She sings beautifully but looks like this the whole time...



- She has tuning issues, but she is enjoying herself!
- You are the BEST IN THE WORLD at standing and singing!

5. Performance rules still
apply

Silence at start and end for a few seconds!



- Lest you suffer the wrath of the video editor including your cursing/exclamation at the end... 😊