



Play On Philly Student Recording Guidelines

What should I wear? We are asking you to please wear dress-up clothes. **Look your best.** Ladies can wear a nice dress or button-down shirt with dress pants or skirt. Gentlemen can wear a button-down shirt and dress pants, suit jacket and tie are optional, if you have one. No T-shirts, jeans, shirts with logos or writing or tennis shoes. You can be colorful, and if you are not certain, please check in with your teacher.

Submitting: Please submit your video on the following link www.playonphilly.org/virtual

Setup:

Two devices – Set up your laptop/computer so you can listen to the click track/play along and plug your headphones into the computer. Use your phone or other device to record yourself playing. Your setup could look something like the picture below.



One device – Plug your headphones into your phone/computer/Chromebook/tablet and listen to the click track while you take a video of yourself playing.

Make sure the light in the room **is not behind you**. See how in this picture Dr. Anna is facing the window so the light comes onto her face? Her phone is on the stand to record her well-lit face. The photograph is not good because it is aimed at the window and produces an undesirable glow.

Once you are all set up, go through the checklist below:

Checklist (IMPORTANT!)

- ✓ Are you dressed up like you would for an in-person concert?



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- ✓ Is your camera landscape/horizontal? If you're using your phone or tablet, make sure to turn it sideways!
- ✓ Tune your instrument to **A-440** – Most online tuners are tuned to this, so if you search for an online tuner, make sure you are in tune with A or Bb (brass)
- ✓ Pets?? Please make sure our favorite friends are not part of this video
- ✓ Silence! It's time for recording!! Ask all the members of your family for silence while recording happens. We want you looking and sounding your best!
- ✓ Start your video recording.
- ✓ Start the audio click track (MIDI file).
- ✓ **Play all the way through the piece.** (If you have rests – even at the beginning – look at the camera and smile!)
- ✓ **After the cut-off, please lower your instrument, smile, and wait a full 5 seconds so we have some footage to work with for a fade-out.**
- ✓ Upload your video here: www.playonphilly.org/virtual

Tips for Success:

- i. **LISTEN** to the piece all the way through just looking at your part and following along. Do this once or twice BEFORE you try to start recording. Remember, you will have to stay with the recording the whole time you are playing.
- ii. **KEEP GOING! No matter what, keep going!**
- iii. **HAVE FUN!**

If you have any questions, please email your PEAC teacher or Dr. Anna at anna@playonphilly.org.

Thank you for taking part in this exciting project!