

Recording your Voice for an IDC Mix

What you'll need

You'll require two devices – one to play the music track and one to record your own voice. You'll also need a pair of headphones so that you can record your voice without hearing the music track on the recording.

Finally you will need the vocal score and the pre-recorded 'backing track' that we have asked you to use. These are available on the website in the Virtual Rehearsal Room (hint; you generally find these by following links that say 'HERE')

How to make and submit your recording

1. Find a quiet space

Turn off any noisy appliances and ask any members of your household to keep any noise down.

2. Set up your playback machine

Click on the backing track that you have been asked to use, plug in your headphones/earphones and set the volume to a comfortable level that you can hear while singing.

3. Set up your recording machine

Record on a digital camera or a smart phone.

Plugging in an external microphone could help you achieve a better sound, if you have one – but if not, don't worry. Set up the device in a stable position.

4. Go for a take

Put on your headphones.

Press record on your recording device and ensure the microphone is facing your mouth. Using your playback device, press "play" on the backing track.

Sing along with playback. When finished, press "stop" on the recording device.

Unless you are asked to send your recording instantly during rehearsal, listen back to the recording to hear how it sounds. If you're not happy or if there are intrusive noises, please try again.

5. Upload your track

Just before each rehearsal, we supply new voice type-and-date-specific Dropbox links. You can upload your file(s) very easily by clicking on your link. Or if you prefer, email the file itself to idcrecordingsonly@gmail.com. If you want to email a file larger than 5MB, please use a large file transfer link (we suggest that you Google We Transfer and follow on screen instructions) .