

# 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

## How to make and submit your MP3 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 smart phone or digital camera (mp4) ( if you haven't uploaded an MP3 recording app to your phone, you will have to use a MP3 file converter to turn the recording into the mp3 format that Brian wants for mixing, use google to find a free one online) 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

You can upload your MP3 file ( a single best take please) very easily by clicking on the link that you will find behind the drobox icon on each recording page. You MUST have your name on the file, so you will have to pre-set your recorder or rename before uploading and you MUST upload it to the correct voice type on the correct page. There are around 500 files expected for this project!!