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NYFC VIDEO RECORDING GUIDELINES FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS CONTEST 2021*

Requirements: Competitors must submit video entries for the Young Musicians Contest.

1) **All videos must be recorded unaccompanied**, even if your music typically requires an accompaniment. We make this requirement for the sake of fairness; different regions of the USA and the world will relax and restrict their social distancing guidelines at different times, making impossible a fair opportunity for piano rehearsal.

2) To preserve an important characteristic of a conventional live contest experience, repertoire for any round of submission must be recorded in one consecutive take. **Competitors should state their name and piece selections at the beginning of the video before performing.**

3) You may record your videos using any smartphone, tablet, or other device you already own. Here are some guidelines to help you make a great home recording:

- a) Place your camera or device on a tripod or flat surface while recording.
- b) Have more light sourced in front of you than behind you.
- c) Film at a medium distance, capturing as much detail as possible while making certain that you are always entirely visible.
- d) Wherever you record, do so in a clean and visually professional location (tidy space, quiet background).
- e) Please dress as you would for a live contest.

5) Recordings should be uploaded to YouTube. Instructions for uploading a YouTube video can be found here.** It is recommended that applicants upload an unlisted*** YouTube video.

*Inspired by the 2020 National Flute Association Virtual Competitions guidelines.

** <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/57407?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>

*** <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/157177>

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