

Recording video on your phone

Record in **horizontal** mode using a tripod, music stand, or other device that will keep the phone still. **Avoid** using vertical orientation and recording on a handheld device.



Avoid vertical orientation

Don't hand-hold camera

Be sure that your space is
pets, roommate playing



very quiet (no white noise from fans, AC units, Mortal Kombat, etc.).

Make sure the camera is at **eye level** and that the picture includes at least most of you and your instrument so that I have some room to zoom in a bit, crop, etc. If a music stand is in the picture, please make sure it's as out of the way as possible.



Eye level



Too close

Too far

Please save in either **MP4** or **MOV** format.

Common Problems

Poor lighting: Be sure your face and instrument has enough light to be clearly seen by the person watching the video.



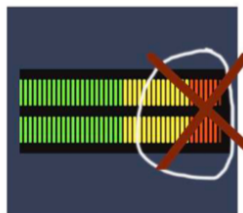
Poor background choice: Look for good contrast (remember, I'm color-blind, so I want to be able to see you!). Make sure that your background looks good (no chipping paint, clothes hanging on the back of a chair, your old Teletubbie poster, etc.).

Vertical camera orientation: Vertical mode limits the editing options, use horizontal mode for best results.



Too much zoom: You're all beautiful people, but people want to see more of your instrument and less of your nose ring!

Camera is above or below your face: We want to be sure to see all your face, not your forehead (camera too high). And please avoid the seemingly popular Zoom "up the nose" angle (camera too low). Straight on camera at eye level is best.



Audio too loud: If you're too close to the mic, the audio will "clip" and sound bad. Make sure you're far enough away from the mic and (for trumpets and trombones) not playing directly into it.

Don't forget to actually watch your video before you send it!