

Steps for Creating Excellent Piano Performance Videos

Remember to start recording well before the deadline since it can take several tries to get a good video. Consider making a test recording a few weeks before the deadline.

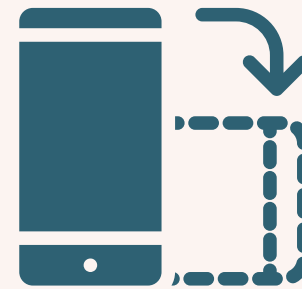


A cell phone or tablet works

Mobile devices have come a long way and their video and audio quality are typically very good.

Landscape orientation

Remember to turn your phone sideways when filming. This allows the entire screen to be filled.



Lighting

Avoid any bright windows or lights in the background. This can darken the video. A well-lit room will typically work fine without additional lighting. A ring light is an option if you own one. Only light the front of the performer if using additional lighting.

Stabilize the Camera

Although you may hold the device while recording, it is best to use a tripod, table, barstool, etc. to stabilize the shot.



Film the entire body

The head, torso, hands, and feet should all be included in the frame. Capture the keys of the piano by filming slightly behind or above the performer and from the side profile.



Minimize noise

The last thing you want in your video is the sound of family members, pets, or someone unloading the dishwasher. Prepare a quiet time and place for recording.



Share your recording

Share large video files via cloud services such as Dropbox, Google Drive, or iCloud.



Sample Camera Angle

The entire body, as well as the piano keys, can be seen from this camera angle.

