

Video Auditions Tips! - 2022

WHAT TO PREPARE

- A contemporary monologue that is no more than a minute and a half in length (90 seconds).

SUGGESTIONS FOR SELECTING A MONOLOGUE

- Try to pick a piece from a play that is not hugely popular
- Make sure the piece is active (not reflective or remembering a moment from the past)
- pick a piece that showcases your strengths as an actor

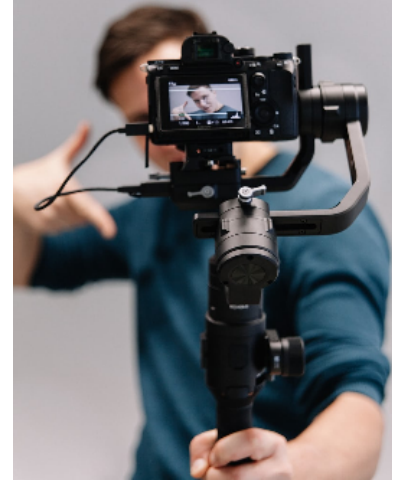


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RECORDING THE AUDITION

- Find a quiet space. *(If you are struggling to find a space contact, Melissa-Turner@uiowa.edu), Room 41 will be available for recordings on May 7th - [Sign Up Sheet Here](#)*
- Record Horizontal not Vertical. *(See picture below.)*
- Phone Camera or Web Cam will work great! **(DO NOT** buy a new camera for auditions, it is not necessary).
- Record in HD -1080p at 30 frames or SD 720p. (No need to use HD 4K as it will make the file larger and harder to upload.)
 - *[Find Directions here on how to check your phone's recording speed here.](#)*
- Frame the shot at Full body or 3/4 quarters if possible. *(See picture below.)*
- Natural Lighting is great, just make sure you are visible. Try to avoid large shadows, including casting large shadows on the wall behind you.
- Camera at eye level if possible.
- Neutral Background. Declutter the space as much as possible so we are not distracted by your background/surroundings. You could hang an neutral colored ironed sheet for your background, get rid of the wrinkles. 😊
- Make sure you slate at the top of your video (Your name, name of the play your piece is from, and playwright). Timing of piece will begin after the SLATE. You have 1 minute 30 seconds for your monologue. You can end the piece with a simple "Thank you"
- No crazy edits please, keep it simple and have fun!

HOW TO UPLOAD YOUR VIDEO (UI STUDENT)

**You can upload directly from your phone. No need to transfer video to your computer.*

- Sign up if you are interested in Auditioning.
- You will receive an invite to join the ICON - Audition page sent to your uiowa email.
- Accept the invitation.
- Go to the ICON page (it will show up under the ongoing section of your ICON home page at the bottom)

- When you enter the ICON page you will see a link to an assignment(note there will be a new assignment for each day-May 1, May 2, May 3, May 4, May 5, May 6, May 7). Follow the link.
- You will be asked to upload the video to submit it. (Give yourself some time to upload as it can take a little while. If you run into problems contact Melissa Turner, PSM.)
- Questions - Please contact Melissa Turner, Production Stage Manager at melissa-turner@uiow.edu

HOW TO UPLOAD YOUR VIDEO (NON-STUDENT)

- Record your video.
- Upload video to YouTube following [directions found here](#). (If you want to make the video only assessable to the Team Leaders and Directors set the privacy setting to "unlisted", ([Directions found here](#)). Then only those with the URL link will be able to view the video.)
- Send Link to melissa-turner@uiowa.edu.
- Questions - Email Melissa L.F. Turner, Production Stage Manager.

Filming Orientation

Vertical
No



Horizontal
YES



Close-Up
Not Suggested



Waist-Up
Okay



3/4 Shot
Great!



Full Body
Best!



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