

Birdland Band Remote Recording - Instructions

Things You need:

Instrument, sheet music downloaded, guide track downloaded, one device to play the guide track from, headphones to listen to guide track, one device (at least) to record yourself on.

What to do:

- **Step 1** - Download your part and the guide track from <http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/SAMs-jazz-members>
 - **Step 2** - Play along to the track a few times to make sure you know how it fits together. Note there is a click on the track to help you keep time and a 1 bar click intro.
 - **Step 3** - record yourself playing along to the track. The best way to do this will be to play the guide track in your headphones from one device and then record video of you on a separate device. Try and avoid using air pods to record your sound. If you have the ability and equipment to record your sound separately to the video then brilliant! That would be ideal. You'll know what you're doing already! However, just a video taken from your phone will be fine too.
- * Pro tip: - Take some time to work out where you should place your recording device to get a good sound. We want something that is not too quiet and distant but equally, we don't want anything that is too close to the device so that it causes a distorted sound.*
- ** Pro tip No.2: - Try and make the video look interesting with what you wear and where you stand. Think about the videos you've seen of people doing this type of thing before. Music stands in shot doesn't look great, so try and keep your stand out of shot (sometimes doing a separate video miming to the track allows the video to be really interesting, and we just use the audio from the other video). Also interesting backgrounds always look better. A video from a music room/arty area of the house always works well, if nothing else try and make sure you've not got the washing hanging up in the background (I've done that before!). And finally, make sure the camera is on a level surface!!*
- **Step 4** - Make sure you label your recording clearly with your name and especially if you have one recording where you want the audio and one where the video looks better. And send it to duncan.fraser@hertsmusicservice.org.uk the files are likely to be quite large so it will work best if you send it through a file sharing service. Wetransfer is the one we use most at HMS.