



## **General FAQ**

- **How will the audition be conducted?**

Each auditionee will be allocated a time and date for the audition through email. On the audition day, click on the Zoom link you have received via email / whatsapp. Click on the link 5-10 minutes prior to your audition time, and you will be taken to a virtual waiting room. Once the previous auditionee is done with their audition, you will be admitted to the virtual audition.

After which, kindly select your audio input (use device audio). We will take a few minutes to ensure that your microphone and video are working properly before commencing the audition.

For questions related to Zoom and related technology, please refer to “Technology-related Questions” below.

- **I am not comfortable with showing my face in front of the camera. Am I able to audition with just audio?**

Both video and audio will be required for the virtual audition. Don't worry, just pretend you're meeting us in person!

- **What does the audition consist of?**

1. One song/work of your choice in any language, that is around 1 minute in length
2. Short score excerpts (provided by VOS)
3. Simple musical scales
4. A few questions for us to get to know you better!

- **Can I audition with an accompanist?**

Though not compulsory, you may audition with an accompanist. Kindly practice safe distancing, your accompanist does not need to appear in the video frame.

- **Can I use recorded accompaniment?**

You may choose to perform with recorded accompaniment. If you are performing with a recorded accompaniment, kindly connect another external device (Eg. Bluetooth speaker) so as not to interfere with the sound quality through Zoom.

- **What should I wear for my audition?**

We encourage all auditionees to be dressed in smart casual attire.

- **Will there be an audition fee for the virtual auditions?**

Yes, audition fees are at a nominal fee of \$15.00 SGD for each auditionee. Voices of Singapore is a not-for-profit organisation, and audition fees will help to cover administrative costs for the auditions.

- **My child is only 5 years old. Can I have someone accompany him/her during the audition?**

The auditionee may be accompanied if he/she requires technological assistance. However, once that is set up, we would like to be able to assess your child separately, and will be requesting that you leave the child's line of sight.



- **Do I need to memorise the song for the audition?**

We highly recommend memorising your audition piece. You may alternatively hold the sheet of music in front of you, ensuring that it does not block your face.

- **When will the results be made known?**

Results of the audition will be made available approximately 4 weeks after the audition date. All auditionees will receive an email, regardless of the result.

- **What if I am not available on the audition date and time that has been allocated to me?**

Kindly email us at [contact@voicesofsingapore.com](mailto:contact@voicesofsingapore.com) / Dione at [dione@voicesofsingapore.com](mailto:dione@voicesofsingapore.com) so we can find a suitable day and time for the audition.

- **What will happen if the COVID-19 situation is still ongoing in July?**

We are committed to providing a safe environment for all our young choristers, and are monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely. Updates will be provided by email if we are unable to proceed with physical rehearsals at our venues.

In such a situation, our choral instructors will continue to provide comprehensive choral education, through live telecommunication classes, workshops and supplementary videos that our choristers may participate in from the comfort of their home. We will

- **Any tips to ace my audition?**

Be well prepared, and drink lots of water. It's natural to feel nervous, but just be yourself! Our panelists would love to get to know you better.

- **I have other questions!**

Drop us an email at [contact@voicesofsingapore.com](mailto:contact@voicesofsingapore.com), we'll be glad to help you out!

### **Technology-related Questions**

- **What do I need for the virtual audition?**

1. A device with video and audio capabilities. (Preferably a desktop, laptop, or tablet).
2. An internet connection that meets Zoom system requirements: broadband wired or wireless.
3. An enclosed room with minimal background noise and distractions.
4. A surface or stand that is able to hold your device.

- **What video conference application will we be using for the virtual audition?**

All virtual auditions will be held on Zoom. Zoom is a LIVE collaborative video conferencing tool that is free for use globally. It is optional, but recommended to sign up and register for a free account on Zoom for the virtual audition.

- **Do you have any tips for setting up the device / camera?**

Please set up your device in a manner that has a focused and centered view of your upper body and face, and ensure that you do not move out of frame. If you have an accompanist with you, do place the device closer to you for it to be able to pick up your voice.