



ARTS FOR RUTLAND

CALL FOR MUSICIANS

Recent months have sadly prevented many musicians from indulging their love of music by playing together regularly in band or ensembles. Arts for Rutland is therefore putting a call out for new musical performances by local amateur musicians (aged 18+) to feature in online showcases this summer.

Video submissions are welcome in any musical style/genre during the months of April and May, and the best of these will be featured on our YouTube channel. Successful performers may also be invited to perform at future A4R events.

Please see below for full details, including advice on how to record your video and submit it for consideration.

CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES

Eligibility

- Entrants must have a permanent home address in Rutland.
- Entrants must be aged 18+
- Entrants must be amateur musicians (whose primary income is not as a performing musician)

Submissions

- All entries must be new videos, recorded during lockdown, of any musical style/genre.
- We can only accept one submission per entrant.
- Single, individual pieces preferred as opposed to multiple piece works.
- Videos must be submitted in landscape orientation.
- The title of the video file must be your name and the piece you are performing (ie JohnSmith_Ragtime)
- The onus is on the entrant to ensure reasonable sound quality (see technical guidance).
- Videos must comply with UK Government Covid guidelines at date of recording (eg social distancing, non-mixing of households).
- It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that any submission, including backing track, does not infringe copyright.
- Copyright details are to be specified in the online application form.
- Language/Lyrics must be suitable for all age groups.
- On submission, you agree that A4R may upload the video to YouTube.

Terms

- All submissions will be subject to review by the A4R committee.
- A4R reserve editorial rights where they feel necessary.



TECHNICAL GUIDANCE

Recording your video

We recommend using a phone or tablet to record your performance, though it is possible to do this using a Camera app on a laptop too. The free **Dolby On** app is worth downloading to use, preferably with **Lossless audio** turned on so that the sound isn't compressed by your device (which usually reduces the amount of dynamic contrast).

Please note the following important points:

- avoid placing your device too near your instrument – at least 2 metres away is usually best.
- if you are using a backing track to accompany your performance, make sure that it is being played back on a separate device of as high a quality as possible (e.g. a Bluetooth speaker) and check the balance with the solo part carefully.
- make sure your recording is made in landscape format, not portrait.
- make sure that there isn't too much glare from a window or light nearby.
- we would encourage you to dress up (as you wish) to add to the sense of performance.

Remember that most potential problems can be overcome by doing a test recording first, and then watching it back whilst listening on headphones.

Sending your video

As video files are too large to e-mail, we recommend transferring your video to music.A4R@gmail.com using <https://wetransfer.com> (or any alternative filesharing website or service). Please ensure the video file title is YourName_TitleOfMusic (ie JohnSmith_Ragtime). Thank you.

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