

## Attachment 1: Contest Finalist's Video Requirements

We're asking for our Songwriting Finalists to record a video of a performance of your song, to be able to present a compilation of the finalists on our virtual festival website. We'd like to present your recorded performances in the highest quality possible. To avoid any problems when we present your performances to the world, please use our requirements below for your submissions.

- Record your video at the highest resolution possible, up to 4K; we desire at least 1080p if at all possible.
- Video formats: .mp4 or .mov. Please ask us before sending any other format. If all you can use is a phone or a webcam, please make sure that the phone is in the HORIZONTAL position when you record your performance. (Note that we will review all recorded performances; if we judge that the quality is too low, we reserve the right to not include the performance in the festival. [We'll be quite forgiving]).
- If at all possible, please record your audio to a separate, high-quality file (e.g., .WAV, .mp4/AAC, FLAC, etc.) at the highest sample rate possible; submit this file along with your video file (with its native audio track intact), and we'll take care of the final assembly.
- Please leave at least 5 seconds at the beginning and the ending of your recording that are just silent - this makes editing easier and allows for subsequent removal of ambient sounds, if needed.
- Please use the silent time at the beginning of your performance to hold up a plain white piece of paper, to allow for easy setting of white levels in the video.
- File transfers will be an upload via the link that was sent to you in the announcement of finalists and alternates.
- When you send the files for your performances, please make sure to send us the address(es) of your own websites (for your merchandise) and tip jar(s), so that we may be sure to include them on your performance screen *and* on a separate Performer Bio page on the festival site.
- Also, please send us the wording you would like for a copyright statement to scroll across the bottom of the screen at the beginning of your segment.