

ABRSM Performance Grade Exam: Getting ready to record

Spoken Introduction

Take a bow.

1. Hello! My name is _____.
2. My instrument is the piano.
3. I am taking the ABRSM Performance, Initial Grade, Piano Exam using the _____ to _____ syllabus.
4. I will perform the following pieces:
 - a. _____ by _____.
 - b. _____ by _____.
 - c. _____ by _____.
5. And this is my own choice piece:
 - a. _____ by _____
from the _____.

[Show the opening of your own-choice music to the camera with the following visible (the responsible adult can do this if preferred): title, opening clef(s), key and time signature, tempo marking and other performance indications, and a few lines of music.]

I hope you enjoy it!

[Sit on the piano bench and place your music book on the stand. Hands on your lap. Perform. Rainbow hands to your lap. Turn the page...]

[Take a bow.]

Video resolution

Before recording, set the camera resolution to 720p. iOS Select 720p HD at 30fps

Camera position

You can use landscape or portrait view. The camera should be static with candidate, instrument and music stand (if used) clearly in view. The candidate's face (either facing the camera or in profile) should be visible throughout the performance.

Keyboard instruments – the whole of the keyboard(s) should be visible and, where applicable and possible, the pedals should also be in view.

File format and size

MP4, MOV, or MPG

File names

Your file name must only include letters, numbers, underscores (_) or dashes (-). No other characters will be accepted and the film name must not be blank.

Compressing your video

If you have a large video file and/or slow broadband speed, you may want to compress the file to reduce the upload time.

Submitting your video

You can upload your video recording through your ABRSM account as soon as you have booked the exam. The upload function will be available for 28 days. Please leave plenty of time to upload your video in case there are any problems.

When you are ready: log in, select 'submit recordings', select the exam/candidate and start the upload process.

You can only submit your recording once, so make sure you select the right one.

Before you upload the video, you will be asked to complete the following:

1. An online programme form

- Enter each piece/song in performance order, giving the list number (if relevant), composer and title.
- Indicate which piece/song is own choice.
- If there is a syllabus overlap available, indicate if the pieces/songs are from the current or previous syllabus.

2. A declaration

- This is to confirm that the recording was made in accordance with our exam regulations.
- For candidates under 18, the declaration must be made by the responsible adult who was present during the recording.