## **Lincolnshire Young Musician of the Year Competition**

Organised by Louth Male Voice Choir since 1989

## **Video Recording**

For the video submission each competitor is required to perform two contrasting pieces of their own choice lasting not more than 2 or 3 minutes overall.

## A Guide for the Recording

Please do not worry too much about the video quality of your self-tape. We are not expecting to see a Hollywood movie! We appreciate that you are doing this yourself and within the constraints of the technology available to you. A smartphone will suffice. The following guidelines will help to achieve a standard which will allow our adjudicators to appreciate your musical abilities.

- If you can, record in a well lit area. Natural light normally gives good results.
- Try to find an area where the sound does not echo too much. If you are a singer, do a sound-track check and make sure that your backing track is not too loud; we want to hear your voice clearly. If you are using a backing track you might ask someone to help by pressing play on a separate device.
- At the start of the recording please state your name and the piece you will be performing.
- Your phone (or other device) should be set to landscape. Sit your camera on something steady such a table, tall stool or tripod, or ask a friend or relative to hold the camera steady.
- You are free to move within the space. Don't worry about remaining in the framing for the whole performance.
- Look just "off camera", not too much into the lens and not "straight on".
- Try to relax and let your personality shine through. At this stage the adjudicators are looking for your potential and the possibility of selection for live performance.

## A Guide to Submitting the Recording

Please save your video as MP4. Maximum file size 125 Mb. Maximum duration 3 minutes. Be patient as the file uploads. It can take several minutes. If you experience any problems with this process please ring/message Tim Elliott on 07881 520 853.

Send the MP4 file via wetransfer.com, a simple-to-use free file transfer system, to <a href="mailto:timelliott@talktalk.net">timelliott@talktalk.net</a>

Or, Dropbox - https://www.dropbox.com/request/9r4AfoD9wsgJ7noCE5TX

The submission should be sent no later than the closing date specified in the Terms & Conditions. Please include:

- Your full name
- DOB
- Address
- Contact number
- Contact person, if different from applicant.

NB - If sending from Dropbox you must send a separate email with the above information to <a href="mailto:timelliott@talktalk.net">timelliott@talktalk.net</a> . If you do not, we have no way of contacting you

Your video will be passed to the adjudicator and the organiser, Malcolm Kerridge, will be in touch.

We will respond to you within two day of receiving your recording.