

Auditions!

Before your audition...

1. Be prepared! Know exactly what is required for your audition.
2. Set a date to make your recording.
3. Play for family members frequently, as well as record several practice auditions.
4. Play your instrument everyday. Play in a variety of settings.

At your audition...

1. Make sure you are hydrated and have eaten. You will play your best when you are fueled!
2. Record in a quiet, undisturbed space.
3. Have your music in the order that you will record.
4. Remember to keep breathing!
5. Do not rush from one element to the next. Give yourself time in-between each portion of the audition.
6. Keep breathing.
7. Remind yourself that you have worked hard and made improvement during this process.
8. Don't worry if you have made a mistake. Remember that it is all about the big picture. Play with confidence and beauty. That can't happen if you are fixated on what has gone wrong.

After the audition...

1. Congratulate yourself for completing the audition. You did it!
2. Do not dwell on things that you could have done differently or would like to change.
3. Eat some ice cream or go for a walk. Find a way to celebrate!
4. Play your favorite piece on your instrument.