

Equipment Guide for Live, Online Auditions

We strongly recommend that you use an external microphone for your audition. While suitable for speech, the internal microphone in your tablet or laptop will compress natural dynamics and could distort the sound of your performance, yielding low-quality audio.

There are devices that come in many different configurations at many different price points. We find that most external microphones are acceptable as long as it supports a sample rate of 48khz minimum. The following are some examples:



Blue Yeti

A USB microphone like the Blue Yeti (or comparable models) is a great choice for a Zoom audition. It offers flexible audio settings and is simple to configure in Zoom.



Zoom Q2n

This device supports high-quality audio/video with a built-in camera and stereo microphone. It can be plugged into your computer and used as a microphone and camera for Zoom video auditions.



Shure MV88

This microphone plugs directly into your iOS device (iPad) and uses your iOS device's camera to stream video. Before you purchase this microphone, make sure your device is compatible. Note that we recommend an Ethernet connection even with a tablet.



Zoom H1N

Pair this microphone with a webcam for high-quality stereo sound. This device can be plugged into your computer and used as a microphone for Zoom video auditions.