

Pierce Performs!

Virtual Variety Show 2021

Open Mic Night has a new name: Pierce Performs! Virtual Variety Show. Our first virtual show – exactly a year ago from this year's performance date – was a huge success, so we're doing it again. We hope your Pierce student will join us!

Here's how it works

1. The show is open to *any* Pierce students. We have room for 25 performers, so don't delay!
2. Register online at the link on this web page. If your performer is a soloist, it's super easy. If two siblings will perform together, there's a spot for that, too. More than two siblings and you can just email Phil with the details. If there will be a group of kids from different families creating a video, *we must have separate registrations from each parent because of the way we capture permissions*. Each group should also designate a leader whose name will be on everyone's registration so we can keep you together.
3. You can make your video on your phone, with a good video camera or even on your camera-enabled computer. Please read the video instructions below for tips. If you are with a group, you'll need to think about how to compile everyone's separate videos. Many of you (or your friends) know how to use iMovie (and if not, it's a great time to learn). If you need editing services, Phil's son Griffin Schroeder can do it for a small fee. Let us know in your registration or send us an email later.
4. Get started now! We need your finished videos uploaded to the folder link (it's on the website where you got this document) no later than Monday, May 11 at noon. If you register early, you'll have all of April break and lots of weekends. We do not judge your performance but we will let you know if the video is not good enough quality to use (and that does happen). For this reason, we strongly urge you to get them made well before the final submission date.
5. Watch the show, premiered on YouTube, on Friday night, May 14 at 7:00pm. We'll broadcast the link broadly to our Pierce community and of course, we'll send it to you about a dozen times. This is *not* a Zoom presentation, thank goodness!
6. It's going to be really important for you to help spread the word. We'll provide a .jpg "poster" for the show and ask you to plaster it on Instagram, Facebook, and other places Pierce friends visit. We'll get support from the PTO with email blasts, but social media will help a lot.

Important: Video instructions!

1. Please record your video in "landscape" or wide-screen mode. That means your phone is turned like a wide rectangle, not straight up and down. We want to see as much of you as possible.
2. Have good lighting, either natural light or very good inside lights so we can see your faces. Some of you may want a darker look, and that's your choice, but the audience really wants to see your beautiful face!
3. If you're singing a song to a track, make sure we can hear the music and your voice. If you're speaking dialogue, speak loudly and clearly. Think about all the things that drive you crazy in other people's videos and do the opposite. If you need an opinion, send it to us at the link on the website.
4. Please don't sing in bathrooms or any room where there is a lot of echo. Please feel free to dress for success – it's a performance.
5. Please keep your video to four minutes at the most.
6. Videos should be uploaded to our Google Drive folder (link is on the website) when complete, and please send an email to Phil at philschroeder@mac.com to confirm your submission.

Hooray, you're doing this!