

Christmas Album

Recording Instructions for the Sanctuary Christmas Album!

- Thank you so much! You rock.
- Take a deep breath. You can do this.
- Listen to the recordings I made and sing along a few times. We need kids voices for Friendly Beasts and all the voices we can gather for Silent Night and Joy to the World.
- If you would like to record with Sarah in Marshfield, Plymouth, or Scituate find the link to sign up to do so at sanctuariesouthshore.org/album, show up at your time with your mask, and I'll walk you through the rest.
- If you are recording at home the rest of these instructions are for you. (Take another deep breath.)

Gather these items:

- **The recording of Sarah singing the song.** This is the backing track you will sing to during your recording. Use this recording to practice. Sing the song enough that you feel confident getting through it.
- **One device** to play the backing track (computer; tablet; a borrowed phone)
- **Headphones** to plug into device one so you can hear the backing track.
- **Second device** to make your recording. This device will probably be your phone.
- **Sheet music or lyrics** so you can read the words or notes.

How to Record:

1. Collect your items from your preparation in a **very quiet room**. Like, the quietest room you can find. A closet or basement perhaps.
2. Connect your headphones to **device one** and pull up the song you'll be recording. Hopefully you've already heard it and sung along a few times. If not, do that first.
3. If you're recording audio AND video (to potentially be used in a music video we're also putting together), you want your room to also be well lit, with most of the light in front of you. Turn on your camera on device two (probably your phone) and set your it up selfie length away (arm's length, basically), propped up on a bookshelf or something similar. Be sure your phone is in **landscape mode** and your selfie camera is on so you can see yourself on your screen. Also be sure **not to block your mic!** Once you look fantastic in your camera, move onto step 5.
4. If you are only recording audio, pull up a voice memo app or camera app on device two (probably your phone) to capture your recording. You'll be **singing directly into the microphone** on your device.
5. Press **record on device two** and **play on the backing track on device one**. When you hear Sarah count, listen the first time and **join her the second time**. This will help us line up all these tracks later on.
6. Sing your heart out!
7. When the backing track is finished, stop your recording. If you're not happy with it, feel free to try it again.
8. When you're all done, upload your track to the link found at sanctuariesouthshore.org/album.

Feel free to reach out anytime with questions. You can reach me at sarah@sanctuariesouthshore.org or send me a text at (443) 618-5918 We're so grateful for your assistance and are happy to help in any way we can.

~ Sarah