

Performer's checklist:

- ✓ Does your teacher think you are ready?
- ✓ Have you learned your music?
- ✓ Have you warmed up your voice/fingers?
- ✓ Do you have a copy of the music for the accompanist?
- ✓ Have you chosen an outfit that is suitable for the occasion?
- ✓ Are you calm enough to give your best?
- ✓ Will you remember to avoid looking directly at the audience?
- ✓ Will you wait a little before you sing/play to collect your thoughts?
- ✓ Will you nod to your accompanist to signal that you are ready?
- ✓ Will you express the music as though you wrote it?
- ✓ Will you stand and bow a little to accept applause with a smile and acknowledge your accompanist?
- ✓ Will you walk away from the stage or audition space calmly?
- ✓ Will you be honest with yourself about how well you did and accept the positive feedback you get, as well as the constructive comments about how you can improve?
- ✓ Will you come back for more, having taken on board what's been said this time?

GOOD LUCK!