

SONG CHOICE THAT WORKS!

How To Pick The Best Songs

Sing without **limits**

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ARTIST PROFILE

YOU - STRENGTHS

1. If you were in a lineup with 4 other singers you don't know, without ever hearing anyone, what would you KNOW you can do better than any of them?

2. What comes easy for you in singing?

3. If you were going to show off your abilities, what kinds of things would you be showing off?

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4. Are there any songs that come to mind which showcase what you'd show off, what comes easy for you, and/or what you know you do best?

5. If someone who wanted you to lose were to assign you a song, what would be the things you'd hope the song DIDN'T require of you?

6. What kinds of songs do you avoid? And why?

7. What kinds of things do you find challenging in a song?

YOU – PREFERENCES

1. What do you like about your voice?
2. What are some things you like to do with your voice?
3. What kinds of songs light you up?

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4. Are there any songs that come to mind which showcase what you like about your voice, that allow you to do things you enjoy with your voice, and/or that light you up?

5. What do you not like about your voice?

6. What kinds of singing do you NOT enjoy doing?

7. What kinds of songs do you find boring or annoying?

YOU – STAR QUALITY

1. What artist's music do you find yourself singing a lot of?
2. Whether you like them or not, what artist (or combo of artists) do you think you sound like the most?
3. What songs or artists do you sing that surprise other people?

YOU – EXPERIENCES

1. What is the most difficult thing you've faced in your life?
2. What is the happiest you've ever been in your life?
3. Who is the love of your life? Describe your love fully. It doesn't have to be a romantic love or even a person. It also doesn't have to be mutual.

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4. What is the most tragic loss you've experienced?

5. What is the greatest obstacle or challenge you ever overcame?

6. Describe the biggest heartbreak you've felt in your life.

7. Think of 2-3 songs that deal with the strongest emotion in each of these examples.

OTHERS – STRENGTHS

1. What can I do better than other singers?
2. What qualities about my singing impress you most?
3. If my singing were going to win YOU a lot of \$\$\$\$\$\$, what songs would YOU want me to pick?
4. Are there any songs you've heard me sing that you WOULDN'T want me to pick if my singing were able to win YOU a lot of money?

OTHERS – PREFERENCES

1. What songs or types of songs are your favorites to hear ME sing?

2. What do you like most about my singing?

OTHERS – STAR QUALITY

1. Who do you think I sound like when I sing?
2. What songs remind you of me when you hear them?
3. What's something you have heard me sing that shocked you or that you didn't expect from me? (In a good way OR a bad way)

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

1. First look at your OTHER answers. Are there any questions people answered the same way? Or similarly? Highlight those.
2. Look at YOUR answers. Are there any questions you answered the same way as the highlighted OTHER answers? Or any you answered the same as any of the OTHER answers? Highlight those.
3. Are there any common themes or qualities in the answers? Highlight those.

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4. Read through all the things you highlighted. Imagine these are all written about someone you've never met before. Based on the highlighted items, write a description of this singer:

PICKING YOUR BEST SONGS

EXHAUSTIVE LIST

You can start on your exhaustive list before you get your answers from the others, but make sure to add to it once you have those answers. This list will be made up of 5 separate lists and it may take you awhile to make. Expect songs to show up on more than one list. The more songs on each of these lists, the better. Know that you'll be crossing off the bulk of them to get down to the top 5 or 6.

1. Make a list of every song you like:

2. Make a list of every song you can think of that is vocally impressive to you:

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3. Make a new list of every song you can think of that you can connect to emotionally, that you relate to the subject matter, that addresses experiences or emotions similar to ones you've had, or that you are able to confidently & believably convey its story to an audience:

4. Make a new list of every song you can think of that has a sense of build or climax to it:

5. Make a new list of every song you can think of based on what you highlighted in your artist profile:

CHECKLIST

Look through your lists and highlight anything that shows up in more than one list.
Pay attention when you're making your lists – are you trying to “rig” your list when answering the questions or making your lists? Pay attention to what songs you seem to “want” to show up.

Cross off anything you highlighted that has a long instrumental break or long instrumental intro.

Cross off anything you highlighted that fades out instead of actually ending.

Looking through your highlighted list of songs you like, check it against the other highlighted lists and cross off anything highlighted from those lists that doesn't also appear on your highlighted songs you like list.

Looking at what remains, underline anything that shows up in ALL of your lists.

How many songs do you have remaining?

CONTEST

1. Sing through the first two songs on your list and circle the one you like most of the two.
2. Take the winner of round one and sing it against each song until it loses.
3. Once a song has won against all but 5 songs, put it on a new list – your winner list
4. With each song you add to the winner list, subtract one from the number the next song has to beat. For example, the first song has to beat all but 5 songs, the next song on the winner list has to beat all but 4, etc.
5. Sing these songs against each other until you have 6 songs on your winner list.
6. Of the songs on your winner list, rank the ones that are the most impressive in this order:
 - a. Competitive quality – has a climax and a big finish
 - b. You relate to it and can emotionally connect and tell the story
 - c. Shows you off vocally
7. These are your very best songs in order. ***If it's hard for you to rank your songs, even better – it means you've picked some amazing songs.***

WINNER LIST

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