

Tip of the week! 8 september 2020

This weeks tip is about your worst Nightmare..

You're on stage with your band ready to rock and well prepared. You start singing the first song and immediately feel uncomfortable, it's like the energy you give, the breath you provide just disappears. You can't hear yourself singing even when you give it your all. You think to yourself "OK I just need to warm up a bit more maybe work a bit harder today". While the band is playing the intro of the second song you try to hum but there is no sound! Nobody seems to notice yet so you sing the second song using all your knowledge and technique and then again.. no sound and a soar throat!

This happened to me a few times and it really made me think. You do not want to overcompensate because of the sound you hear (or do not hear in this case) Please remember that before you go on stage you check your sound properly. Take the time to ensure you can hear yourself even in the lower part of your voice when you sing a bit softer. Also make sure when you do the belt part you can still hear yourself and the band you're playing with properly. The worst thing is singing too loud and killing your voice during a show. I once had to cancel a show because of the bad sound, my voice was already irritated and just stopped. So be warned.. and think about today's tips!

Tips:

Check your sound, also on high level, singing as loud as you can and make the band play as loud as they can. When you can't hear yourself properly you tend to overcompensate, beware!

When the balance is right focus on your own sound. It depends on which mic I use but I like some mid-high frequencies pushed in my mix.

Keep listening to the balance and sound while you're doing the show because everyone is adjusting their volumes and if one person starts the whole band needs to hear more of themselves.

Most of all HAVE FUN!