

Tip of the week! 5 mei 2020

This weeks tip is about “finding the perfect piece”

Students often struggle to find the right song for their next lesson. Here are some tips:

Recognize this? When you sing along with the original song you feel comfortable, rehearsing while taking a shower also sounds great BUT when I ask you to sing the song a cappella or with me playing the piano to accompany you, you totally stress out! The highest note suddenly becomes too high and the song seems much faster all of a sudden ;)

Choosing the right song can be tough, some tips and tricks:

1 The most important thing is you actually Like the song. Not only because of the singer but also because of the accompaniment, atmosphere, groove and the sound of the song. Maybe it takes you back in time, bringing memories.

You will never get tired of a song if you absolutely love the original version.

2 You know and understand the meaning of the lyrics. Knowing and understanding are two different things. Could you have written the same lyrics, you have experiences somewhat similar, can you sympathize?

You have to be convincing, a teenager singing about going through a divorce isn't. But singing about someone who is going through their parent's divorce is. Maybe it's not exactly the same but you can relate to some of the feelings. Think about the meaning of the words while you sing.

3 You feel comfortable singing this song key-wise or the song has a small range and is easy to transpose.

Singing outside your comfortable range is very stressful and costs a lot of energy. When you are a beginner I advise you not to. But that's doesn't mean you as a female singer cannot sing a song performed by a man or the other way around. Finding the right key for the song is essential.

The Perfect piece is a nice, comfortable song with some challenges the teacher will help you with. Have fun finding your Perfect Piece!