

Integrating Emotions and Dynamics into Singing

Objective:

- Students will understand how to convey emotion and control dynamics to create a more expressive and impactful performance.
- Students will know how to use the app to practice and refine these skills.

1. Why Emotion and Dynamics Matter in Singing

Emotional Connection:

- Singing is more than just hitting the right notes—it's about telling a story and making the audience feel something.
- Emotions give meaning to lyrics and make performances memorable.

Dynamics Create Interest and Depth:

- Dynamics (volume, intensity, tone) shape the emotional flow of a song.
- Proper use of dynamics helps prevent a performance from sounding flat or mechanical.

2. How to Express Emotion in Singing

Connect with the Lyrics:

- Understand the story and message of the song.
- Reflect on personal experiences that relate to the lyrics.
- Use Facial Expressions and Body Language:

- Your face and posture should reflect the emotion of the song.
- Engage with the audience through eye contact and natural movements.

Vocal Tone and Color:

- Adjust your tone to match the mood (e.g., warm tone for love songs, sharp tone for anger).
- Experiment with breathiness, vibrato, and clarity.

Volume Control (Dynamics)

- Start softly and build to louder moments for impact.
- Avoid singing at one volume throughout the song.
- Pulling your mic away from your mouth to leave that quite, beautiful resonance.

Crescendos and Decrescendos (Dynamics):

- Gradually increase or decrease volume to match emotional highs and lows.
- Builds tension and release, making the performance more engaging.

Phrasing and Pauses:

- Allow for natural pauses to let the emotion settle.
- Pay attention to where the lyrics need breath or space.

3. Exercises you can do inside the App

Record and Playback:

- Record yourself singing with varied emotional tones (both video and audio)
- Playback helps identify where emotion and dynamics could be stronger.
- Over-dramatize your emotions while practicing alone in a party room.
- Imagine yourself as a Disney Character on TV

Find yourself a personal coach/friend:

- It's always best to have another opinion so pick someone you can trust who you know will not laugh at you doing these exercises but who will point out where you did well in each emotion.

4. Common Challenges and How to Overcome Them

✗ Over-singing:

Subtle is powerful—don't push volume or emotion too hard... people will notice the difference and you will lose your connection with the audience.

- Keep the sound relaxed and natural.

✗ Lack of Authenticity:

- Avoid mimicking other artists too much.
- Focus on personal interpretation and connection with the song.

✗ Breath Control Issues:

- Breathing exercises definitely help control dynamics and sustain

emotional intensity.

- Support from the diaphragm helps with smoother volume changes.

5. Performance Tips

- Start and end strong—leave a lasting impression.
- Be mindful of body language—confidence enhances emotional delivery.
- Engage with the song and audience—it's not just about technique, but feeling.

6. Q&A

- Reflect on how emotion and dynamics could change their performance.
- How the app helped them discover new expressive techniques.
- Regular practice builds consistency in emotional delivery and dynamic control