

PREPARING FOR AN OUTDOOR RECITAL

WEARING A MASK

- Find a mask that is comfortable to wear and won't disturb the relationship of your head/jaw/chin to the violin.
- Practice with the mask on - both regular practice and performance run-throughs.

PLAN FOR OUTDOOR CONDITIONS

- Choose a recital outfit that allows for layers - prepare to adjust depending on the temperature. If it's sunny, you may also need sunglasses.
- Go outside and notice how many extra noises you hear - cars, voices, airplanes - prepare yourself to hear extra noise while you're playing.
- Plan how to secure the music on your stand (magnets? tape? clothespins?) and secure the stand in case of a windy day.

PRACTICE OUTSIDE

- Simulate performance conditions as much as you can: clothing, mask, sunglasses, music stand (if needed - if you're my student, you should be memorized!)
- Plan multiple outdoor run-throughs in the week before your performance to get used to the acoustic and conditions.
- Record your outdoor run-throughs and listen back to adjust recording equipment, speakers for recorded accompaniment tracks, and projection.