

The top 25 characteristics of a great Lead

1. Sings with tonal center in mind at all times
2. Knows her songs on all levels: form, key, key changes, storyline, when and why the song was written
3. Stylizations are added to her songs purposefully.
4. Makes smart song choices
5. Has a mixed voice range that is consistent
6. Is able to sing in tempo using either backbeat or downbeat
7. Understands the rhythms used in her songs
8. Sings to the ends of phrases
9. Sings cleanly.
10. Sings with open, fully resonated vowels
11. Understands the balance necessary between focus and resonance that produces ring
12. Knows the importance of learning her part ware of tuning 2,3,6,7 and notes that are altered upward
13. Is blend-able
14. Delivers her lines with consistency which minimizes synchronization issues.
15. Uses appropriate register mix
16. Sings with energy and forward motion
17. Is able to sing a full dynamic range
18. Has sufficient breath energy to maintain a consistent, accurate and energized tone flow
19. Sings with a fully resonated tone thru-out her range and at all dynamic levels
20. Sings with clarity
21. Listens
22. Is instantly accurate
23. Sings target vowels instantly
24. Can sing an energized tone without excess muscle or tension
25. Is sensitive to lyrics and the meaning of words