



Resonance

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What is Resonance?

- Describes the depth, fullness, and richness of sound
- Think of an opera singer being heard all the way in back of a theater
- A resonant sound projects and surrounds the listener

Resonance Tip #1: Oral Cavity and Headspace

- Say "AW" then say "EE": The jaw moves to make the space bigger or smaller
- Yawn and feel the soft palette in the back of the mouth raise
- Open the throat and neck
- Think about the inside of the head as a large cavity
- Keep everything relaxed and open with an "AW" vowel and open soft palette

Resonance Tip #2: Lower Body Openness

- Breathe and expand from below, NOT from the upper chest
- Use the large lower body space as a source of resonance
- Expand out while playing or singing