

Warm-up:

1. List the different voice types you are familiar with.

**Musical voice - it's not what
you sing it's *how* you sing it**

Musical voice

- **Defines the character**
- **Reveals character status**
- **Voice type can reveal
a character's nature**

Male voice types:

Bass - older characters, villains.

Baritone - romantic and mature male characters

Tenor - younger and comic characters; dominant voice type in contemporary musicals

Lyric baritone (bari-tenor) - more recent type for romantic male; often used in rock and pop shows

Female voice types:

Legitimate lyric soprano - romantic female role in traditional musicals, not used in contemporary writing

Pop soprano - Leads and romantic roles in contemporary; high belt

Belt or mezzo soprano - comic or secondary romantic role, used frequently in contemporary shows especially with pop or rock