# Performance Success: Performing On Stage Under Pressure



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Performing on stage can be a daunting task, but it can also be an incredibly rewarding experience. Whether you're a musician, a dancer, an actor, or a public speaker, there are a few things you can do to help you perform your best under pressure.

### 1. Practice, Practice, Practice

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The old adage "practice makes perfect" is true for a reason. The more you practice your performance, the more confident you will be when it comes time to perform in front of an audience. Make sure to practice in front of a mirror or record yourself so that you can see what you look and sound like.

#### 2. Know Your Material

One of the best ways to reduce stage fright is to be confident in your material. Make sure you know your lines or lyrics inside and out. If you're playing an instrument, practice until you can play the piece perfectly.

#### 3. Visualize Success

In the days leading up to your performance, take some time to visualize yourself performing successfully. See yourself in your mind's eye, delivering a flawless performance to an enthusiastic audience. This will help you to build confidence and reduce anxiety.

## 4. Control Your Breathing

When you're nervous, your breathing can become shallow and rapid. This can make it difficult to speak or sing clearly. To control your breathing, take a few deep breaths before you start your performance. Breathe in through your nose and out through your mouth. This will help to calm your nerves and relax your body.

# 5. Stay Hydrated

Staying hydrated is important for your overall health and well-being, but it's also important for performance. When you're dehydrated, your body can't function as well as it should. This can lead to fatigue, headaches, and muscle cramps. Drink plenty of water before, during, and after your performance to stay hydrated.

## 6. Get a Good Night's Sleep

Getting a good night's sleep is essential for performance. When you're well-rested, you'll be more alert and focused. You'll also be less likely to make mistakes or lose your train of thought.

### 7. Eat a Healthy Meal

Eating a healthy meal before your performance will give you the energy you need to perform your best. Avoid eating heavy or greasy foods, as these can make you feel sluggish and uncomfortable. Instead, opt for light, healthy foods that will give you sustained energy throughout your performance.

## 8. Arrive Early

Arriving early for your performance will give you time to get settled in and familiarize yourself with the stage. This will help to reduce your anxiety and make you feel more comfortable.

#### 9. Be Yourself

The most important thing is to be yourself when you're performing. Don't try to be someone you're not. The audience will be able to tell if you're being genuine, and they'll appreciate your authenticity.

#### 10. Have Fun!

Performing on stage should be an enjoyable experience. So relax, have fun, and let your personality shine through. The audience will be able to tell that you're enjoying yourself, and they'll be more likely to enjoy your performance as well.

Performing on stage can be a challenging but rewarding experience. By following these tips, you can help yourself to perform your best under pressure and give the audience a performance they'll never forget.



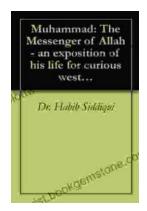
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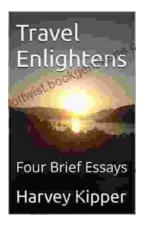
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