The following are the top rated phones for video by Voices of Music. Note that a phone may take very good photos, but not necessarily good videos, and a phone may not necessarily excel at recording musicians. Phones are ranked in order by detail, resolution, image stabilization, sharpness, noise, artifacts and low light performance. There is only a fractional difference between adjacent phones on the list. NB: You will need a phone with an SD card for storage if you plan to film concerts, and a good battery with quick charging is highly recommended—you can recharge during a break if needed. We really only recommend the Samsung phones, but the phones on this list take good videos.

Very good
Samsung Galaxy Note 8—has the best screen and storage
Samsung Galaxy S7 and S7 Edge
Sony Xperia X
Sony Xperia XZ

Good
Samsung Galaxy S6 Edge
Sony Xperia Z5
Moto Z Force Droid
HTC 10
Google Pixel 2 or Pixel (no storage)
Samsung Galaxy S6 Edge Plus
iPhone X, 8, 8 plus 7 and iPhone 7 Plus (can be noisy indoors, no storage)

Galaxy Note 5
Moto Z Droid
Motorola Droid Turbo
Huawei P10

Samsung Note 4 (decent budget choice, used)
Moto X Style

Acceptable
Apple iPhone 6S Plus
LG G5
LG V20
Huawei Mate 9