

Preparing for your Online Lesson

Although this is probably a new experience for many, it does work. We will work together to have a great interactive and enjoyable musical experience. The lessons will be designed to be engaging and educational at all levels.

A few suggestions to get started. First rule is do what works best for you and your family. Make a comfortable space that you can set up and play your instrument with little distraction. If you are a younger student, leave room for a parent or family member to sit in on the lesson if you would like. Leave younger siblings and pets out of the lesson, let them wait for a recital.

SET UP YOUR SPACE – *a few suggestions for comfort and maximum playing experience.*

- A sturdy and steady chair. A chair without wheels or arms is best.
(avoid plush furniture, like a couch or bed)
- A music stand or something to prop up your music at eye level for easy reading.
(A folding music stand works well. Tabletops can work with something to hold your music)
- Ample lighting. A well-lit room for easy reading and better video communication. A light on your music, in the room and on yourself.

EQUIPMENT IDEAS – *a few suggestions for your set up.*

- A desktop computer or laptop will allow for better viewing.
(the larger the screen the better)
- A video camera on your computer/external camera connected.
- Microphone - built in works fine. An external add on mic may pick up better.
(for good sound quality and pick up, a USB plug in mic can help)
- Internet connection (with little interruption) A computer connected directly is best.
Wi-Fi connection and email is necessary for set up of zoom session.
- Don't forget to warm up, sound check and video check before each lesson.
- Phone/text ready if problems arise.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE – *off lesson time is a good time to prepare.*

- A time tracker is useful in keeping a practice schedule written down.
- A consistent daily schedule is best. A good practice routine will help with retention and improvement.
- Suggested amounts of time for practice will be made with each student's individual curriculum.
- Preparing for a lesson should include, set up and warm up time prior to the lesson day and practice of the material assigned throughout the week.

LESSON CHECKLIST

- Instrument, Music, Video and Audio set up, Wi-Fi/Email connection.
- Payment schedule in good standing.

- Good attitude.

