



Welcome Online Student!

Online music lessons allow me the opportunity to connect with students anywhere, especially if they are not able to meet in person. I am proud to be able to offer both online music and theory lessons from my piano studio in the comfort of your own home! There are a few things you need to get started...

Before the lesson

I have a variety of music books to learn from. It works best when we both have copies of the music in front of us. We will discuss the best music for you to learn from so we are literally on the same page!

If you would like to play **different music** than the books I own :

It is the best use of your time and my own time if you are able to *send me a copy of the music* you want to learn *before* the lesson. I do not own all of the piano books that my students are playing from. This helps me write on your music in real time during your lesson and not waste time trying to learn your piece by ear. We can discuss the music books that are best for us to work with in the first lesson.

Communicating using a Video Calling Service

it's important that both my students and I can see and hear each other. There are many video calling services that you can use to achieve this effect, including Google Hangouts, Skype, FaceTime, and Zoom. All of these are free and reliable if you have a decent internet connection (they require 1.5Mbps). In my piano studio, I prefer to use ZOOM.

ZOOM - When you download zoom (for **free**), I am able to start my meeting with you though a message in your email. Once you click the link in your lesson time, our meeting will begin.

<https://zoom.us/download>



Zoom

- Increasingly popular as a tool for online education
- "Music mode" audio settings
- Reliable connection
- Students do not need an account to join
- Option to record lessons for playback
- Option to share screen
- Available on computer, tablet, and mobile devices
- Unlimited one-to-one calls and 40-minute limit on group calls (3 people or more) unless you're a paid user

For Your Piano Lesson

You will need a piano, the internet, a camera (laptop, phone, tablet) so I can see the your hands on the piano, and a microphone. Headsets are preferred but not a requirement.

This is an example of what you can expect for our first piano lesson:



For theory lessons

Please send me a picture of your completed theory assignments *before* our lesson time. I will mark them and send the work back to you via email. For theory lessons the webcam is optional for you. I need you to be able to see me and what I am teaching you.

The First Online Lesson

I have allotted you some bonus time so we can figure out the sound and video between our computers. Our time for the lesson will not begin until this setup is completed.

I understand that seems like a lot of information, but once we set everything up the rest of the year will be simple. Please let me know any questions you may have about online lessons!

Looking forward to seeing and hearing you!

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