

Instructions for online music lessons in Encore Music Studio

Thank you for taking the time to set this all up so that we can have successful online lessons. I would ask that parents help the student set up and check in on the lessons occasionally to make sure things are going well.

This is a helpful link to help you get set up: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9812NucA0o>

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

- Students will need a device that can connect to the internet, film video and record sound to use for our Zoom lessons. A laptop or large tablet is best.
- A USB lavalier Mic or other good mic is ideal but not necessary.
- Students should have a pencil with them so they can mark things in their music.

Optional but helpful: (See below for link to suggested equipment.) I use all of this equipment and it is helpful but not required if the student can too.

- A tripod for your camera particularly for keyboard players so it can point down toward the keyboard and I can really see the keyboard and your fingerings
- Good speakers so the student can hear well
- A webcam for better photography
- Microphone for better sound pick-up
- Extra light (depending on the light in the room where you are photographing)

DIRECTIONS:

IN ADVANCE:

- Go to Zoom.us to download software or download the app in advance of the lesson if you don't already have it.
- Students should be in an appropriate location (no bedrooms) and be dressed appropriately.
- Make sure device(s) is/are plugged in or at least fully charged.
- I can't do flute and piano lessons back-to-back so I'll call you to set up a new regular lesson time.
- For make up lessons, sign up for your lesson time at this link:
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/13EasFnK_8LnyaVYN4CVFGhmcsrE8tJRHJZ2sduN48YU/edit?usp=sharing
- After you sign up, please text me so that I am aware you signed up.
- I will email you an invitation to a zoom meeting for your lesson at least 1 day in advance.
- Music that they are working on and next assignments in music should be photographed and EMAILED to me a day in advance.

LESSON TIME:

- Make sure your equipment is set up ahead of time so we don't waste lesson time getting set up.
- Camera angle/location: I need to be able to see the student playing on the keyboard or their fingerings on the flute as well as their upper body.
- Make sure the light where you are filming is adequate and try to avoid a strong back light.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS ON ZOOM CALLS FOR LESSONS:

- Sound with music and video files are large and take up a lot of bandwidth so you might want to close all apps and tabs on device you are using and keep everything else off of the WiFi you are using during lesson time as much as possible.
- If you have trouble, you can use an ethernet connection.
- Use the "original sounds" tab in the upper left hand corner of the screen when on the call but only when playing or there is an echo. (Unfortunately, you need to switch back and forth).

See next page for optional equipment:

Equipment to enhance your online lesson experience: (Please note that these are affiliate links. I receive a small commission on the sale of these products at no additional costs to you.)

TRIPODS:

Phone tripod with light:

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B087R4LDBY/ref=as_sl_pc_qf_sp_asin_til?tag=encoremusicst-20&linkCode=w00&linkId=1511ea59234702338ac8313b9ea51453&creativeASIN=B087R4LDBY



Phone tripod:

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B088B5PKL6/ref=as_sl_pc_qf_sp_asin_til?tag=encoremusicst-20&linkCode=w00&linkId=a080e7e3189ec76f34983e45fce7973d&creativeASIN=B088B5PKL6



Tablet Tripod with light (Does not hold tablet larger than 11 inches):

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07Y3DTCXB/ref=as_sl_pc_qf_sp_asin_til?tag=encoremusicst-20&linkCode=w00&linkId=33e20c5dd60bfc03aba7fb5b44854f3b&creativeASIN=B07Y3DTCXB



Tablet tripod/stand (fits 8 - 12 inch tablet but does not have a light):

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B084XBXC6C/ref=as_sl_pc_tf_til?tag=encoremusicst-20&linkCode=w00&linkId=9cc9297fd9adefc81df05fd92f69bab8&creativeASIN=B084XBXC6C



Tabletop phone or tablet holder:

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07GR37JY1/ref=as_sl_pc_tf_til?tag=encoremusicst-20&linkCode=w00&linkId=331b6ea6e9cdea dd50d78298f7a66b49&creativeASIN=B07GR37JY1

**Laptop stand:**

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07G8KRY3T/ref=as_sl_pc_tf_til?tag=encoremusicst-20&linkCode=w00&linkId=dd88091b94f322 ee44af40693d8b501a&creativeASIN=B07G8KRY3T



Horizontal Stand/tripod for camera:

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07C1PXQVS/ref=as_sl_pc_tf_til?tag=encoremusicst-20&linkCode=w00&linkId=242d0eae50e59728beb4aff813d0ac9a&creativeASIN=B07C1PXQVS



SPEAKERS FOR CLARITY OF SOUND:

Bose Companion 2 Series III

Multimedia Speakers (These are the speakers I use, They are great for audio quality during the lesson and when listening to music on a computer, phone or tablet.):

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00CD1PTF0/ref=as_sl_pc_tf_til?tag=encoremusicst-20&linkCode=w00&linkId=cc2aaf8e25ec4350677951ef36abfe2d&creativeASIN=B00CD1PTF0



Other good bluetooth speaker: (under \$30)

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B010OYASRG/ref=as_sl_pc_tf_til?tag=encoremusicst-20&linkCode=w00&linkId=516c91e2bed5aca371ef5c28e535deca&creativeASIN=B010OYASRG



WEBCAMS:

Mine: Logitech C920 Hd Pro Webcam (Black)

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B01MTTMPKT/ref=as_sl_pc_qf_sp_asin_til?tag=encoremusicst-20&linkCode=w00&linkId=b684776e2f9091d845f8cc514e581e8b&creativeASIN=B01MTTMPKT



Less expensive but still much better than even my Macbook pro internal camera:

1080P Webcam with Microphone Full HD Computer Camera for PC Desktop with Wide Angle USB Web Camera for Live Streaming Video Calling and Recording by BZ:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B089Y3K4TM/ref=ox_sc_saved_title_1?smid=A184T9XMZI6VX7&psc=1



MIC:

Good Lavalier mic:

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00EO4A7L0/ref=as_sl_pc_tf_til?tag=encoremusicst-20&linkCode=w00&linkId=df5b6fb1508617b0ea475c2bda69ba75&creativeASIN=B00EO4A7L0



Lavalier mic windscreen covers:

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07DR81LH1/ref=as_sl_pc_tf_til?tag=encoremusicst-20&linkCode=w00&linkId=5b765c50f4fc564ae993519f09377a99&creativeASIN=B07DR81LH1



LIGHT:

10 inch selfie light (also nice for recording videos):

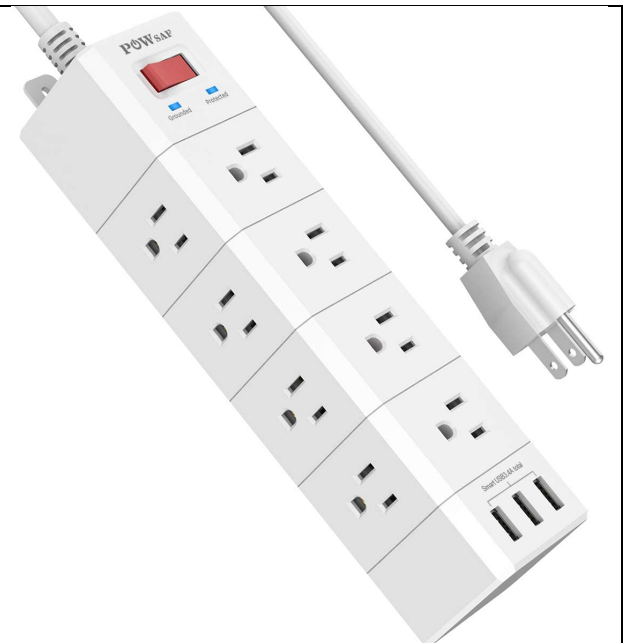
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07W66QFPR/ref=as_sl_pc_tf_til?tag=encoremusicst-20&linkCode=w00&linkId=d9c79c0fda7cd17e078f661c0cc4f461&creativeASIN=B07W66QFPR



EXTENSION CORD/SURGE PROTECTOR WITH USB PORTS:

This is an AWESOME extension cord/surge protector and has USB ports for equipment. I like this so much, I have purchased several of them for around the house:

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0838Y1F46/ref=as_sl_pc_tf_til?tag=encoremusicst-20&linkCode=w00&linkId=a4d32902339e521fdc00bb0ad6c40f61&creativeASIN=B0838Y1F46



BACK-UP CHARGER: You may already have one of these at home. They are handy to have if the student is using a phone or tablet and may not have it charged enough for the lesson.

This is the back-up charger I use and I LOVE it!

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00AANQLRI/ref=as_sl_pc_tf_til?tag=encoremusicst-20&linkCode=w00&linkId=7031bce4c17b416c3d47e7d33a4a095b&creativeASIN=B00AANQLRI



Case for the back-up charger. (I keep mine in my purse or backpack so I have the case too):

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B01J7LQ5T2/ref=as_sl_pc_tf_til?tag=encoremusicst-20&linkCode=w00&linkId=2b5c5842ca165d6d1f039f6fe8adb2ed&creativeASIN=B01J7LQ5T2

