



Kernersville Music Academy, Inc.

The Office of the President

To: Kernersville Music Academy Parents and Students

From: The Office of the President

Date: March 23rd, 2020

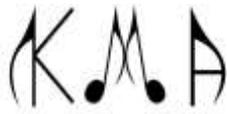
Re: Public Safety & Lessons

Dear Kernersville Music Academy Family,

After re-evaluating how to handle the current pandemic our state faces, our administration has decided to switch to virtual lessons effective immediately and until further notice. KMA would like to ensure the safety of our students, parents, and faculty. We will be having all virtual lessons through **Zoom**. Each instructor will contact their students to provide information on how to connect to the lesson. Here are some helpful general tips:

- We encourage for other family members in the household to discontinue streaming of movies / TV shows that take up a lot of bandwidth during the lesson time. This will allow for better video and audio quality during the lesson. Faculty have been asked to record lessons so that KMA has a record of that lesson taking place as well as a tool for making our virtual lessons the best they can be.
- It will be **extremely** helpful if parents are able to send scans or pictures of the pieces / musical selections that your child is working on to their faculty member. We have some books of our own, but not all.
- Please verify with your faculty member the best position of your device to make the lesson as beneficial as it can be. We ask that if they are able, parents stay close by in case the device needs to be moved.
- **Piano Students:** If you do not have access to a piano at home, please reach out to Oscar Hernandez. Austin Knudsen, guitar faculty, has graciously agreed to provide some small keyboards for those that are in need. Students that are healthy, do not have the capabilities to accommodate virtual lessons, and would like to continue in-person lessons should reach out to Oscar Hernandez.
- Parents and Students, please make sure to visit our MyMusicStaff portal in the upcoming days as faculty will upload helpful documents including worksheets, practice tips, and listening assignments. We will also be offering a “classroom setting” class on Music Theory / Music History.

For those students that are not able to accommodate virtual lessons, we are still issuing make-up credits.



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As invoices go out for the upcoming month, please let me know if you plan on discontinuing lessons for any reason. We understand these are unprecedented times and there is a lot of uncertainty.

Since we had to cancel our Spring Student Recitals, we have decided to compile a collage of our student's home performance into one recital video that we will then post on our website. Below are some general guidelines:

- Students should try dress as they would normally dress for a recital.
- The recording should be made from a stable and static place, such as putting the recording device on a table. Please avoid making recordings while someone is holding the device.
- If your child will be partaking, please e-mail Oscar Hernandez for upload instructions. Please note there is a limit of 2 GB per upload.
- The final deadline to submit a video is April 3rd, 2020. We would like to publish the video on our website by April 6th.

As always, we appreciate your continued support and hope to resume normal operations once it is safe to do so. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our faculty if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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