

Zoom Lesson Instructions

Preparing for a Zoom voice lesson takes slightly more prep time than logging onto a virtual meeting or appointment. However, by going through these steps, you can help us foster a productive virtual learning environment and maximize our time together!

Step 1: Location

Find a quiet place to do your lesson where you have some room to move around. More importantly, make sure your location is close enough to your Wifi router so that you can maintain a good connection while on Zoom.

Step 2: Materials and Set Up

- If possible, log into the meeting on a **computer** (typically this version of Zoom will have more features) and set up your computer in a location where you are visible. Ideally, your camera frame should show you from the torso up.
- To view your music/lyrics, please use a **tablet** (iPad/etc.) or have your **music printed and put in a 3-ring binder**. Please do not have your music on the same device that is hosting the meeting.
- If you are planning on Zoom lessons for an extended period of time, I highly recommend purchasing a **music stand** to set your music on so you do not have to hold it up the whole time. You can find [cheap stands on Amazon](#) or you could try Facebook marketplace.
- Finally, you will need a device to play any tracks we use in our lesson. This could be a **Bluetooth speaker** you connect to your computer/tablet that has the tracks on it, or a separate device completely. Place the audio device next to you or behind you in your space. *Generally, I do not need to hear your tracks clearly; it's more important that you are able to hear them and that I can hear your voice as clearly as possible.*
- Have a water bottle close by if you'd like it :)

Step 3: Audio Setup

You will need to adjust your Zoom audio settings so that it does not mess with the sound quality of your voice. Here is a YouTube tutorial with instructions:

 [Zoom Piano Lessons-How to Enable Original Sound for Musicians](#) . Please make sure you set this up in advance so we do not have to use our lesson time to go through it! When you join your lesson, you may have to toggle "Original Sound for Musicians" to ON, but you shouldn't have to go through the whole setup again.

Final Notes:

- During our warm up, I will play the piano on my end and you will sing on your end. This means there will be a small delay in between your voice and what I'm playing and I won't be able to hear you. Therefore, I may ask you to repeat certain phrases without the piano (a capella) so I can provide you with feedback/adjustments.
- If either of our devices freeze for more than a minute during the meeting, please log out and log back into the meeting (I will do the same). If we are not able to fix our connection issues on Zoom, we will switch to FaceTime. If we cannot get through more than two lessons without major connection issues (to the extent we have to end lessons early), I will make the recommendation you switch to in-person lessons.
- The more prepared you are for your lesson, the more productive we can be! Please set up all your materials in advance: pull up any tracks, get out your music, organize your set up, check your Wifi, etc.