

ONLINE LESSON GUIDELINES

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To get ready for online lessons, please follow these steps:

1. Let me know your preference, Zoom, Skype, or FaceTime, and send me the phone number (or email address) which I should use to initiate the video call.
2. Get set up in advance to be sure you have a good camera angle, where I can see your face when we talk, and your hands when you are playing. Use your camera app to find the best angle. Profile view from the left (hi-hat side) of the drums is usually best. A small end table or chair placed next to the drums is usually the right height.
3. Have your headphones plugged in & ready to go. Make sure the cable won't interfere with your playing. An extension cable may help.
4. Have your practice pad and metronome ready to go, in addition to your drums (if you have a drum set). You can put the practice pad on your snare drum if you don't have a stand for it.
5. Have all books and hand-out sheets ready. If you don't yet have a music stand, figure out where to place your music papers ahead of time. Clothes-pins or a chip clip may help.
6. Be sure to have a copy of your most recent homework assignment at your lesson. I will write down your next assignment & email it to you at the end of each lesson.

If you have never used Zoom, FaceTime or Skype, and have questions about getting it set up, let me know ahead of time, and I'll try to help.

Choose a platform:

1. Zoom sounds the best for drums, but you must use a computer (not a tablet or phone) and you must go into the audio settings to make a couple adjustments. It works on Mac or PC. Go here to download Zoom.
<https://zoom.us> THEN, (very important) Watch this video & follow the instructions if you want to try Zoom. <https://youtu.be/OvvsiyV9ev8>
2. If you have an Apple computer, iPad or iPhone, FaceTime will be the easiest, because it's already on your device & you just need to turn it on. On an Apple computer, go to Finder>Applications>FaceTime and double click to open. In the upper left corner of your screen, click on FaceTime, then Preferences. You can set it up there. On iPad or iPhone, go to Settings>FaceTime and set it up

there.

3. Skype works on Mac or PC. Download the Skype app here:

<https://www.skype.com/en/get-skype/>

Follow the steps to set up your free Skype account.