

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS & EXPECTATIONS FOR ONLINE PIANO LESSONS

(NOTE: A resource page is attached with photos and purchase links for everything described below)

Tech Set-Up & Equipment Requirements for Live-Streaming and Practicing

- Internet connection with a **minimum** download and upload speed of **40 mbps** (check at speedtest.net)
- Instrument located no more than one room away from the wireless router or a working **range extender**
- **A newer model laptop** for live-streaming the lessons
- **Later generation iPad** (not tablet) for each practice session. The iPad will be used for accessing practice apps assigned by teacher, video- recording student performances, etc
- **External speaker(s)** for listening to/playing along with apps and recordings - both in the lessons and during practice sessions. (Headphones are also useful for practice sessions)
- **Adequate lighting**, adjusted as necessary to eliminate glare on the keyboard
- **An adjustable height + adjustable tilt laptop stand**
 - You can get a **floor stand** or a **table-top stand**
 - If you get a table-top stand, you may need to place it on a **small footstool**
 - Whatever you get, the laptop's camera eye needs to be **54-56" above the floor**
- **To live-stream lessons**, the laptop should be placed on **left or right side** of piano, and must capture the student's **profile**
- Student's **eyes, hands and keyboard should be visible** in the screen (laptop screen will need to be tilted up or down as needed to achieve this)

Instrument Requirements

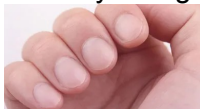
- Acoustic piano that is regularly tuned to **concert pitch** and in good condition (all keys and pedals working)
OR.....
- **Digital keyboard** with **88 weighted, working keys** and a working **sustain pedal**
- **Please note 61-key keyboards are not adequate for lessons in this studio**
- **Piano/keyboard bench** (**absolutely no chairs**) adjusted so forearms are level with key tops
- A genuine keyboard stand if your keyboard is portable (tables or other furniture are unacceptable)

Learning Materials & Supplies

- Books and recordings in the format assigned by the teacher (links will be emailed)
- A three-ring binder with a three-ring pencil pouch, plenty of pencils, and tab dividers
- A three-hole punch and a pencil sharpener
- Apps the teacher deems necessary (**plan on purchasing at least three**)

Expectations of Student During the Lesson:

- Begin each lesson with devices fully charged, pencils sharpened, materials assembled, nails trimmed to length seen in the photo:
- Avoid playing piano when teacher is talking
- Ensure that occupants of the home avoid online activity during the lesson to limit connection problems
- Ensure the lesson is uninterrupted by excess noise or distractions from pets/occupants/devices, etc



Expectations of Student During the Week:

- Meet practice guidelines and expectations discussed during trial lesson
- Promptly print, hole-punch and file weekly homework sheets, assigned handouts and sheet music
- Check daily for email messages from the studio and respond promptly if a response is requested
- Promptly follow through on requests made by the teacher to buy needed materials or perform tasks that will enhance the learning process, improve the livestream experience, etc.
- During practice sessions: Access a shared Google Drive folder; work with assigned apps
- Video-record performances on a regular basis, following dress code and other performance guidelines
- Upload performance videos and written assignments to Google Drive folder when requested