

Online Piano Lessons

Along with my local students in the Tallahassee area, I conduct lessons via the Internet through Skype™, FaceTime, or Zoom. This makes my piano, theory, and music history instruction and consulting services available worldwide. I have had eager online students in such diverse areas as Hong Kong, Australia, Korea, Iceland, Canada, mainland China, and Spain, as well as from thirteen different states.

The Internet provides an ideal way to learn to play a musical instrument in the privacy of your own home, without the added expense and inconvenience of traveling to lessons. For students who live in an area with no easy access to an instructor, those who are housebound, or those who lead a busy lifestyle, Internet lessons are a great answer. Also, some students are simply more comfortable with a webcam lesson than having a lesson in person.

Online lessons are scheduled at a mutually convenient time and are just as effective as in-person lessons, so long as the audio and video are top quality. Just like face-to-face lessons, they are matched to each student's particular needs and desires, whether it be to follow a set course, learn to play by ear, improvise, or simply get help with a specific piece of music one wishes to learn.

This [New York Times article](#) talks about the growing popularity of remote music instruction.

Think the idea is crazy? Even MD's are conducting [medical appointments](#) through the Internet.

What do I need?

- A Computer.
- High-Speed Internet connection.
- A platform (Skype, FaceTime, and Zoom are all free)
- A microphone and a web camera (most computers have these already integrated within).

I will provide all the teaching materials the student needs, and they will be sent before the lessons begin, via e-mail.

How Does it Work?

Email to let me know of your interest in Internet lessons. I will arrange to have a free test call and interview. During this first call (which will usually last between 15-20 minutes), I will ask you about your interests and goals as they relate to piano and

music. You will also make sure that the connection is good, and all of the technical aspects, such as camera positioning, are taken care of.

Afterward, once you have agreed to a mutually convenient time for the lessons, I have received payment, and you have received the materials for lessons, I will call you, and lessons begin.

How Do I Make Payments?

If you live within the United States, you can set payments up on the bill payment option of your bank. I will provide you with the payment address after our initial meeting. If you do not use bill payment, personal checks drawn in a U.S bank in U.S. currency are also accepted. Payment is due at the beginning of each month for the entire month.

I also accept Venmo, Cash App, and Zelle. Please [contact me](#) for current rates.

What Other Programs and Services Are Available?

I also offer [AP Music Theory coaching](#), as well as practice, music theory, history and appreciation workshops for individuals and groups around the world via the Internet.

How Much Does It Cost?

Tuition varies depending upon the time of the lesson/workshop, student level, and duration of the session. Please [contact me](#) for current dates.

How Can I Best Position My Computer's Camera?

We will cover this during our first meeting. Generally speaking, a clear view of the entire keyboard is needed. I will need to see your hands, not your whole body, most of the time. The camera can be positioned to your right or left and should be about 4 feet from the ground. A bar stool, or a similarly high platform, sometimes aided by a stack of books, usually works great. Please refer to this picture for an example of how you can position the laptop.

