

Registration and Payment Policy update due to COVID-19

Lessons currently offered in person for vaccinated individuals and as long as it is deemed safe according to CDC protocols and Weathervane Playhouse is open for normal business.

Let's give ourselves the gift of music. Let it take us away from our daily lives and transport us to a magical world where we have a feast for the aural senses!

Session 1 ~ 13 lessons in 16 weeks between 1/17/22 thru 5/7/22.

3 Bonus Weeks!!! Need to reschedule? Cancel within 5 days of your event and skip a week. Check Registration for more information.

You may also register for 1-5 Single lessons at a slightly higher rate for more flexibility in scheduling.

Payment and Registration Options for Full Session 1

1. Mail in the registration form for Full Session 1 with your check by the due dates.

Pay in Full - Due 1/17/22 2 Equal Payments 1. Due 1/17/22
2. Due 2/19/22

2. Register online and Pay with Zelle @ westsidevocalacademy@gmail.com

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In your contacts create a Contact for West Side Vocal Academy

Add our email. westsidevocalacademy@gmail.com

Easily sign up for Zelle from your Bank Account, Simply go to Zelle - choose send money,

Choose westsidevocalacademy@gmail.com enter the amount and send!

We apologize - Credit Card payments are currently unavailable.

Payment and Registration Options ~ Single Lessons, 1-5 lessons

Use the online Register form and Pay with Zelle @ westsidevocalacademy@gmail.com

1. Pay in Full via Zelle - at least 2 days before your first lesson.

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2. Pay in Full Via Venmo - at least 2 days before your first lesson.

Contact your teacher for details.

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Zoom Lesson info:**Zoom - has the best sound (preferred method)**

Download the zoom app at <https://zoom.us>

We will send you an email with a link to the "meeting"

Open Zoom 5-10 minutes before your lesson

Click "Join meeting"

Enter meeting ID/Password that is provided in the email into the box

Enter meeting. We may have you in the waiting room and when we
are ready to start the lesson we will admit you!

Choose -Test Speaker and Microphone, answer the questions then close window

For best audio on zoom, follow the recommendations below:

This may seem like a lot but after the first time you will be a pro! (and it should save your settings)

Find the Microphone in the bottom left corner

Choose audio settings, Choose Advanced at the bottom right

Click Show in Meeting Options to Enable Original Sound

Click on Suppress Persistent Background Noise- Click Disable

Click on Suppress Intermittent Background Noise- Click Disable
then close the window

Try to be in a alone and in a quiet space

You can or cannot use headphones - your choice

You can or cannot choose to have a USB mic

We will walk through some of the other options together on your first online
lesson!

Try to be alone and in a quiet space. No back ground noise i.e. people walking around, talking, tv sounds, kitchen and dishes clanking. It all comes through the mic. WE hear it!

Lighting from the front when possible. Windows in the background and overhead lights can be blinding.

Microphone Recommendations

For the best audio feed, the use of a microphone is *recommended but not necessary*. Included are different price points and even some recording microphones. Make sure that they work with the devices that you plan to use for lessons. Below is a general list based on information I have gathered from other voice teachers and online platforms. These are only suggestions and there is a lot of info and recommendations if you search online. You may find something not on this list that better suits your needs. Websites may have different price points so shop around.

USB Microphones

Blue Snowflake - This is what I have at home. Cost effect and portable. Blue

Snowball \$80-90

CAD U37 -\$100

Blue Yeti is a favorite for many voice teachers. Different Price points.

Shure

Zoom iQ6/7 Mic/Recorder for iPad/iphone \$100

Others to investigate - Apogee Plus, Rode NTUSB,

Check Amazon and other sites. sweetwater.com, shure.com, audio-technica.com, Target,
Best Buy

You will need a second device to play your piano tracks.

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Any combination can work. Phone, Ipad, Laptop, etc.

Headphones or Ear buds

Make sure to have a pair of headphones or earbuds, wired or wireless.

Internet Connection - Ethernet connection is the most reliable. An ethernet cable from router to device will provide the strongest connection. Adapters are available for all devices. Wifi often works well but can be spotty. It may be necessary to use Cellular Data and arrange device as needed. Questions??? No worries.... just ask us!

Placement of Video device

1. Whatever video device that you will be using should look level from waist up while you are standing.
2. You should look straight ahead into the camera, not down and not up. I want to see more of you instead of the ceiling or your chin!
3. Good posture for singing whenever possible!
4. This may mean that you need books/boxes to prop up your device or a little tripod for your phone or iPad. Duct tape works also! Yes....it's been done!

