

How to Teach Music Online - Webinar Series

Session 3: Online Community and Class Management – FAQs

How do you create Breakout Rooms in Zoom?

Breakout Rooms must be enabled in your Zoom Settings. To enable Video Breakout Rooms, visit zoom.us/profile and log in. Click **Settings**, locate the option “Breakout room” and click once to enable it if it’s not already enabled. Once that’s done, you should see the Breakout Room button while in a Zoom call. [Learn how to manage breakout rooms.](#)

As a host/co-host, you can jump into different breakout rooms at any time. Participants inside each breakout room can also request the host/co-host to join their session. Breakout rooms are not recorded.

I am a vocal teacher and I am using Zoom. Is there a way to hear my students sing while I am playing the piano to accompany them? Currently, my piano accompaniment cancels out my ability to hear their voice coming through on my device.

We recommend asking the student to provide the accompaniment on their end by playing a digital version of the accompaniment (e.g. with Appcompanionist or a YouTube video of the accompaniment) while they perform.

How do you and your students annotate on the screen?

Collaborative annotation can be done using the Annotate option in Zoom when you share your screen. [Learn more about annotation in Zoom.](#) You can also invite your students to work together on the same document or whiteboard through tools such as Google Docs, Google Slides, or [Mural.co](https://mural.co) (a digital workspace for visual collaboration).

How do you share music in Zoom? Do you download it ahead of time?

You can easily share music in Zoom using the screen sharing option. You can share the music directly from a website or share a video/audio that you have opened on your computer. To share the music, open the video/audio that you’d like to share, either in a browser (e.g. Google Chrome) or from a file on your computer. In your Zoom call, select the **Share Screen** button, choose either the entire screen or a specific application (e.g. the browser or the video that you have opened), check off “**Share computer sound**” and click “**Share**”.

If you only want to share the audio without sharing your screen, click the **Share Screen** button, click **Advanced** and select the option “**Music or Computer Sound Only**” before clicking “**Share**”. This option does not display your screen in the Zoom call.