



## ONLINE TEACHING EQUIPMENT NEEDS

Below are some ideas for the basic equipment you will need to set up for online teaching. Any brands listed are just suggestions.



### CAMERA

You can use your built-in camera if you have one or purchase an external USB camera. An example would be the Logitech HD 920c.



### AUDIO

Your computer may have a microphone, but an external microphone should give you better sound. The Blue Yeti Snowball or the Fifine USB microphones are choices.



### HEADPHONES

A set of over-the-ear headphones for both you and your student will greatly increase the quality of the sound as well as filter out extraneous sounds. Phones that plug into your computer are better than Wifi connected.

### COMPUTER

You can use a desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone for the lessons. Position your camera so your student can see you and also your keyboard. Your student should do the same. You may wish to add an overhead camera as well.

You will need a reliable internet connection. An ethernet connection (cable directly from your computer to your Wifi box) will be better than a wireless connection for reliability. Both sides should ask other family members to refrain from streaming movies, playing video games etc. during the lesson and it all uses up bandwidth making your connection less reliable.

### SOFTWARE

There are many different platforms to use for your lessons. Some of the most popular are Zoom, Skype, Rock Out Loud Live, Musico, Google Meet and Music.Live.

### SUPPORT

There are numerous Facebook music teacher groups that offer a wealth of information and advice on online teaching. Online Music Teachers, Teach Music Online and Piano Teachers Central are a few.

Here's a link to much more information offered from the MTNA website:

[COVID19 Resources \(mtna.org\)](https://www.mtna.org/covid19-resources)