

**ONLINE LESSON - TECH GUIDE**

Online teaching continues to be an important part of music education. Despite the challenges of this way of teaching (latency etc.) there are a couple of positive and less perceived aspects:

**Advantages of Online Lessons:**

- Claus can see you at your own instrument, in your own personal environment/setting.
- We can create and share videos any time. Please let Claus know if you'd like to use that option. Just don't share the vids otherwise and understand they are meant to be your personal "study guide" in the first place.
- We can share screens.
- Claus can forward you lesson materials/exercises in the chat or through mail.
- You can still play along/practice with Claus when muting your mic.
- Filming/recording and then reflecting/evaluating yourself will have a positive impact on your results.
- Side effect: You might even want to use certain elements of your lesson directly as social media content.
- The combination of these positive aspects will improve your practicing routine.

**Checklist | Procedure:**

- You will get a link to Zoom. The software is free of charge, just download it or update/refresh it in case you already have it. [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)
- Bandwidth is the keyword, the choice of platform (Skype, Zoom or anything else) is then just a detail. Check your connection here: <https://www.speedtest.net/result/9525562449> In the best possible case don't use WLAN but a solid cable/ethernet connection.
- Please check camera, microphone and lighting before the lesson. Use the options to test your setting.
- On Zoom: Audio settings > Adjusting background noise to "low". Careful with tablets: Often there's only limited options for certain audio settings. Laptop is recommended.
- Zoom is only accepting two audio channels. In case you want more you will have to find a workaround for that. Often times a good laptop camera and the internal mic already works fine.
- Click on the link you received from Claus and enter the "waiting room".
- You will receive an invoice including details for payment. The PayPal address to direct the money to is [claus@claushessler.com](mailto:claus@claushessler.com). Contact us for any further questions, thanks!

**Online Lesson Setting**

