SCHOOL OF MUSIC COVID–19 RESOURCES

The resources on this page outline ways in which the staff, faculty, and leadership of the School of Music are preparing to keep students and the broader community safe and informed in Autumn 2020 and beyond.

Protocols have been developed in alignment with University of Washington and Washington state guidelines and following expert considerations from national performance and educational organizations.

THIS PAGE WILL BE UPDATED FREQUENTLY AS NEW DETAILS BECOME AVAILABLE. THIS PAGE WAS MOST RECENTLY UPDATED ON AUGUST 7, 2020.

CURRENT UW PLANS FOR AUTUMN 2020

The university is expected to issue a new announcement about Autumn Quarter in the coming days. Please check here for the updates.

PUBLIC PERFORMANCE

As of July 25, live performance in the state of Washington has been prohibited, which includes performance with an audience of any size. The School of Music is preparing plans to stream some events, and will move some planned concerts to Spring 2021. Students who will provide degree recitals in Autumn 2020 may make arrangements for online performance with their instructors, and may choose to livestream their concerts if equipment is available. The School of Music looks forward to presenting live concerts again when they are safe for all, and performers are practicing and rehearsing now, looking forward to future performances. Please consult the School of Music website for updated information on streamed or future performances.

CAMPUS PROTOCOLS

UW Coronavirus Resources

Enhanced safety and public health measures for Autumn 2020 include protocols for contact tracing, sanitization, and distancing.
Masks required in all UW campus spaces.

Distancing required in all indoor and outdoor spaces.

Students who are ill or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 must stay home or in their residence halls and should immediately see a physician or visit Hall Health for testing.

Access to practice rooms is through an online reservation system (details under development).

Students must bring folding music stands to all activities requiring music stands. Students who need to borrow stands may email muhst@uw.edu.

Detailed guidelines and resources for the UW-wide campus community may be found at the link above.

AUTUMN 2020 ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS

Audition Details

A mixture of online and in-person instruction is planned for Autumn 2020. Most auditions will be conducted via video submission. Click the link above for detailed audition information for each performance ensemble.

PRACTICE ROOMS

Students will receive details on practice room procedures before the start of classes. It is essential that procedures be followed for safety and contact tracing purposes. A practice room signup site will be made available, which will include "down time" for the rooms between practice sessions. This page will be updated with more details when the site is ready to take reservations.

LESSONS

Lessons will be available both in person and online; for in-person lessons, both the instructor and the student need to agree that they are willing to participate in the live lesson. For all lessons that are in person, masks must be worn and distancing observed (at least six feet, more for wind, brass, and voice lessons). As with all activities in Autumn, no one with symptoms of a respiratory illness may have a live lesson. Some lessons will be taught in classrooms, not studios, to provide more space between instructor and student. Please contact your instructor for information on how the lessons will be conducted.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

UW International Student Services

Students who will be entering or returning to the country from their homes in other countries should consult the information provided by International Student Services, which provides regular updates at the link above.

Also, students entering the country should carry copies of their course schedules as screenshots or paper copies. MUSICP (performance lessons) and MUSEN (music ensembles) are in-person courses. The School of Music wishes all students safe trips to the United States.

ACTIVITIES IN THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Guidelines, safety measures and other information specific to each area. Click the links below for more information. Details under development.

- Large Ensembles (Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Bands)
  There will be no large ensemble rehearsals in Autumn 2020 for Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and other band ensembles. Ensembles will be divided into smaller groups with rehearsals and performances held in large spaces, or virtually. Information on this page will be updated as details about distancing in rehearsals are finalized. Please contact the ensemble directors for more detailed information. Choral
ensembles are described elsewhere.

- Chamber Music
  Plans for chamber music are being finalized; please check this site for further updates.

- Choral Activities
  Choral ensembles will meet this fall with various modes of delivery. Please contact the choral ensemble directors for more information, and check here for updates as the details are finalized.

- Jazz Ensembles
  Plans for jazz ensembles are being finalized; please check this site for further updates.

- Percussion Ensembles
  Percussion Ensemble will meet this fall with various modes of delivery.

- Academic Courses
  Academic courses are mostly being offered online, at the times listed in the Time Schedule. Please consult instructors with questions you may have.

- Conducting
  Please check with each instructor regarding plans for conducting classes. Updates will be posted here as details are finalized.

OTHER RESOURCES

State of Washington Safe Start Plan

UW Hall Health (Campus Health Center)

UW Carelink (Wellness resources for faculty and staff)

Emergency Student Aid (Financial aid resources, food assistance, Seattle campus)

The University of Washington acknowledges the Coast Salish peoples of this land, the land which touches the shared waters of all tribes and bands within the Suquamish, Tulalip and Muckleshoot nations.

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