August 20, 2020

Dear Music Students,

As the start of the school year approaches, we understand that you likely have many questions and concerns. I write to clarify the implications of President Stanley’s announcement Tuesday that all undergraduate teaching will be moved to a virtual mode and to answer other questions that you may have.

This email has important information. Please read it carefully and retain if for future reference. Please continue to read your MSU email EVERY DAY, as this is way we will communicate with you.

- Dr. Stanley’s letter specifically states that all undergraduate instruction will be virtual, but we are asking that the administration allow you access to practice rooms and instruments in the music facilities.
- We have requested that those undergraduate students who live within driving distance be allowed to practice in the music building. If that request is granted, your applied teacher will assign a space in the music facilities from which you can take your personal practice and virtual lesson.
- We have requested that those seniors performing required recitals or capstone experiences in the fall semester be allowed to present their in-person rehearsals and coachings with the applied teacher prior to the performance. If this request is granted, specific recital protocols will be determined.
- All undergraduates will have a virtual alternative ensemble experience, but all undergraduate music majors with an ensemble requirement are still required to submit an audition video. Scholarships remain unchanged.
- Microphones will be available for students to borrow in order to enhance their virtual lesson experience. You will receive additional information in a separate email.
- We will distribute microphones, to undergraduate students during the following times. Location: North side of Music Practice Building. These are the ONLY times you may pick up microphones.
  - Tues, Aug 25, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
  - Wed, Aug 26, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
  - Thur, Aug 27, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
  - Fri, Aug 28, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
  - Mon, Aug 31, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
  - Tue, Sept 1, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation as we begin this challenging school year. Please know that if you should contact me if you have ANY questions or concerns.

Stay safe!

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