



The Music Settlement
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CENTER FOR MUSIC COVID-19 UPDATE

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From the Chair of the Center for Music

Dear Center for Music students and families,

On behalf of The Music Settlement ("TMS") and the Center for Music ("CFM"), I would like to thank you for your continued patience during this pandemic.

LEARNING FROM THE PAST

Since the unexpected closure of our campuses in mid-March due to COVID-19, our CFM administrative staff have been working diligently to adjust the programming of the Center for Music. This has included:

- Establishing the TMS COVID-19 Safety Committee
- Researching the most up-to-date safety protocols and guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and the Ohio Department of Health
- Transitioning to distance learning lessons and rehearsals where possible
- Redesigning our summer camps and courses for the virtual learning environment
- Attending weekly forums with regional and national partners to collaborate and discuss the future of music education in our community
- Presenting a wide array of virtual concerts and recitals

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

As we quickly approach the start of the 2020 - 2021 school year, you undoubtedly have numerous questions for the Center for Music:

- Will music lessons still be offered online, in person, or both?
- What precautions is TMS putting into place to ensure the safety of its students and faculty?
- Will ensembles and group classes still be available?
- When will I learn the status of my merit scholarship audition?
- Will additional courses be available for online learning?

Please know that our CFM administrative team is working hard to answer these questions for you. We have created a thorough re-entry proposal that addresses these questions and several others. **We are awaiting final approval of our proposal, at which time we can publicly announce our plans for the 2020 - 2021 school year. We are also working to be able to announce merit scholarship awards in the near future.**

SUPPORTING IN THE PRESENT

If you are looking for ways to prepare for the start of the 2020 - 2021 school year at TMS, here are some things you can do right now:

- Contact your CFM teacher to see if they are planning to offer lessons online or in-person this school year. **If your teacher is choosing to offer only online lessons this fall, you are encouraged to register at this time.** Select a lesson date and time, then call our Enrollment & Customer Service Center at 216-421-5806 ext. 100 to enroll.
- Submit your 2020 - 2021 financial aid application and paperwork. [Click here to download our application.](#)
- Are you experiencing a job loss due to COVID-19, or dealing with unexpected life circumstances? You may qualify for hardship assistance. Contact our Enrollment & Customer Service Center at 216-421-5806 ext. 100 to ask for an application.

I would like to take a moment to thank our incredible Center for Music administrators and faculty for all of their hard work during this unprecedented time. The level of dedication they have shown for their students and our organization is nothing short of inspiring.

And finally, I would like to thank you -- our students and families -- for your patience and support. We understand that this situation can be confusing and even scary, not knowing what the future holds. **The Music Settlement is doing everything within its means to ensure the safety of its students, faculty, and staff. We are being as thorough as possible because we care about you, your families, and your safety.** We will continue to keep you posted as more information becomes available. Please continue to visit www.TheMusicSettlement.org/Coronavirus for the latest information.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Center for Music at Music@TheMusicSettlement.org. On behalf of The Music Settlement, we hope you and your family are staying safe and healthy -- and we look forward to serving you as you continue on your musical journey!

Sincerely,



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