

STEPHANIE NAKASIAN

Non-Classical Voice lessons - TEACHING – FALL 2020

Dear Students:

Given the requirement that masks must be worn inside all buildings, I have no choice but to teach only remotely via Facetime Video and Skype and Zoom this semester, as it is impossible to teach voice effectively without seeing the mouth movement.

I am sincerely sorry for this state of affairs.

I want to report that last semester I taught 30 students this way and it worked out fine. Students registered and then called me to sign up for a time slot.

Each week, we had our lessons via the internet and I played the piano on my side to aide in the lessons. We used my text on singing “You already know how to sing: Voice lessons – Life lessons” which is in the school bookstore but which is also available to order on my website www.stephanienakasian.com.

The text book includes two CDs of recorded exercises. If you do not have a computer which can utilize these, I can send you via dropbox the exercise files once you have purchased the text.

After you have chosen your songs to sing for the class, we require a track of your songs in your keys for the lesson.

You have the following options:

- 1) Play the song on guitar or piano from your side while you sing**
- 2) Purchase a track (karaoke) without the melody on it for you to sing and play on your side of the lesson**

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Options for accompaniment for songs (continued):

- 3) Ask me to prepare tracks for you which I will send to you via Voice Memo. In this case, I will send you the tracks and you will play and sing them on your side of the internet (from your home).**

These are the only ways I know to avoid the delay in the internet between my side and yours.

I hope to have a virtual voice recital for you all as well at the end of the semester.

This procedure worked fine last semester and I hope that you will want to try it this fall. Please be sure that you have a plan as to where you will be doing your lessons – and that it is in a place with a strong, reliable internet connection.

I look forward to working with you and to hearing you sing your songs.

Please feel free to call or email me with any questions.

All the best,

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