

Dear Members of Interlude Musical Outreach,

As the school year begins, I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with insight into Interlude's plans for the upcoming year. As you know, Interlude has been operating with virtual lessons for all students since the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic in March of 2020. During this time, we launched the *MusicfromHome* initiative, which I am happy to announce captured interest from many new instructors and students around the country. With the success of *MusicfromHome*, we at Interlude believe that online distance learning has and can continue to be effective while eliminating traditional barriers like distance and availability, allowing more students to be paired with instructors.

Some have asked whether Interlude plans on resuming in-person lessons during the upcoming school year. **At this time, we have determined that the pandemic situation remains too volatile for in-person instruction to resume.** Although many school districts have begun to resume in-person classes for the upcoming school year, because of COVID-19 variants, chief among these Delta, we believe that COVID-19 still poses a major threat to the health and wellbeing of not only our students and instructors, but also family members. As many of our students are younger than twelve, and thus ineligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, we have determined that the risk of returning to in-person lessons is too high at this time. This does not mean we will under no circumstances resume in-person instruction during the 2021-2022 school year, however, at this time, we will continue to practice distance learning.

As we begin a new school year, I would also like to thank our outgoing board members. I would like to express my deep gratitude to Mengshu Zhang, and Justin Chen. Without their commitment and dedication, Interlude would not have been able to function during the past year. At the same time, I would like to introduce our incoming board members. This year, the Executive Directorship will be headed by Kevin Lu and Miya Liu. The Director of Operations will be Amy Takagai, Marketing Director will be Shani Lin, and Technology Director will be Andrew DiBiasio. If you would like to find out more about our incoming board members click [here](#) to read their profiles.

Thank you for continuing with Interlude and we look forward to having a great academic year,
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