

How to apply for a spot in an AEM ONLINE Master Class

Successful candidates will have a piece (solo, any repertoire, not just Baroque) ready to perform, and can meet the following technological requirements:

1. high speed internet with a minimum average of 80 Mbps and preferably higher (you can check your internet speed at fast.com)
2. router in the same room as your computer, and computer preferably plugged into the router with an ethernet cable. This is not essential but could make all the difference in how you are heard. Newer computers will need an adapter for an ethernet cable. If you **CAN NOT** connect directly to the router via ethernet cable, you must at least have your computer set up as close to the router as possible, and certainly in the same room.
3. external microphone placed so that the listeners in the Zoom class can hear you clearly. It's highly recommended that you have a trial Zoom call with a friend so you can check your settings. Change your audio settings at zoom.us. Sign in to your account, go to Settings>Meeting, search for "Original Sound". Change your settings to Enable Original Sound. In that same area you may see an option to enable Stereo Sound, which you should do.
4. if you are not able to meet the requirement of having your computer in the same room as your router, you may make a video of yourself playing your piece, which you should then upload to Vimeo or Youtube. You will be able to share your video during the Zoom call, as long as you have a high speed internet connection. This is a less preferable alternative to performing live.

Master classes will last 75 minutes. There will be three performing participants during that time. The fee to perform is \$50. Scholarship information is available at amherstearlymusic.org.

Deadline to apply for a master class performance spot is January 9th. To apply, register for the class and indicate that you want to perform and what piece you have prepared. Register for Winter Weekend classes [here](#).