



Musician Instructions for Virtual Gatherings

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Thanks for agreeing to play at Houston Oasis' virtual Sunday Gathering!

Our mission is to provide a high-quality secular music program. We will use [Zoom video chat](#) for the meeting and simulcast the performance to Facebook Live.

Before Sunday:

- Contact Terry Ismert at terry@houstonoasis.org to access the Zoom link for the virtual meeting. We typically have these links ready by the Friday before. Terry or another Oasis leader will also try contacting you using the info provided by Pete once the link is ready.
- We recommend downloading Zoom ahead of time at zoom.us. Zoom requires a webcam and microphone / line-in setup. Zoom works on windows, mac, iOS, and Android devices
 - Consider methods to improve the audio experience for our listeners. This may include using an external microphone, a line-in to your computer, performing in a quiet environment, etc...
 - To optimize Zoom for music, we recommend adjusting the following settings. If you don't see these options, make sure you have the latest update of Zoom installed:
 - Turn OFF "Automatically Adjust Volume" (desktop only)
 - Turn ON the "Use Original Sound" feature

Video: How to Adjust Zoom Settings for Music on Desktop / Laptop (silent video)

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Sgu_87JW9s4uc2ButDK2zWrg_cs28qrs

Video: How to Adjust Zoom Settings for Music on Mobile (silent video)

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1qYHGk772wQrMJfwpe5S1lddmuXB1UrDg>

- Please ensure that your internet connection is sufficient to handle video chats. Most standard high-speed connections will be fine.
- Please consider performing in a bright room with good lighting so that our viewers can see you clearly.

Sunday Morning:

- Soundcheck:
9:30 am CST

Click on the zoom link provided to you by Oasis at 9:30 am CST to join the meeting. We'll make sure everything sounds great on our end. This should only take 10-15 minutes if all goes well. After, feel free to attend to other things until the gathering starts at 10:30 am CST.

- Gathering:
10:30 am – 11:45 am CST
 - 3 Songs Total (assuming 4-6 minutes each)
 - 2 songs at the beginning
 - Main Talk (20-25 minutes)
 - Discussion Groups (10 minutes)
 - Q&A (10 minutes)
 - 1 song at the end
 - Our MC will introduce you at the beginning of the program using the bio provided to us by Pete. No need to worry about mute or video settings. The meeting host will “unmute you” when it’s your time to perform.
 - At the end, after our speakers Q&A, we’ll give a short speech about donating to Houston Oasis, then introduce you for one last song.

Payment:

Following the performance, we’ll send the payment agreed upon with Pete either digitally via PayPal, Venmo or Zelle...or through the mail as a check. You can provide digital payment and/or mailing address information either to Pete or to Terry ahead of time.

Thanks again for playing for us! Music is a critical part of our Sunday morning experience and we couldn’t make it happen without you. Please feel to reach out with any additional questions.

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