PREPARE FOR ZOOM LESSONS

5 EASY STEPS

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1. Zoom Set-Up

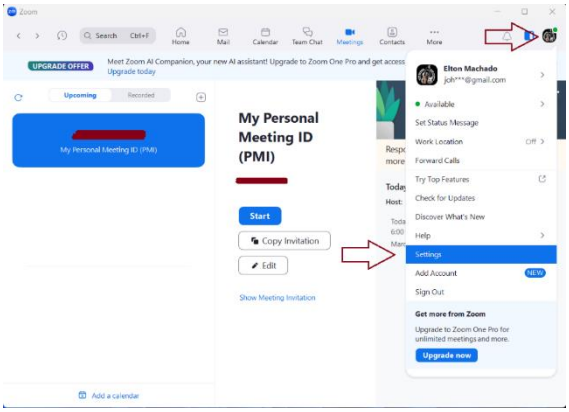
- Download and regularly update Zoom to the latest version.
- Create a Zoom account to login (you may also login with your Facebook, Apple, or Google account).

2. Zoom Audio Settings: Original Sound for Musicians

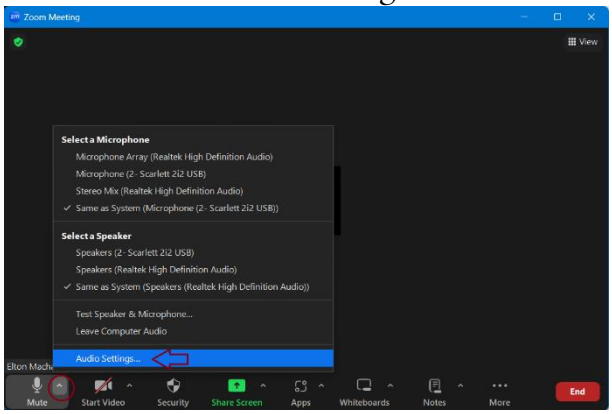
- Zoom's default audio settings include echo cancellation and noise suppression, which filter out bass sounds.
- For this reason, enabling the 'Original sound for musicians' feature is essential for the lessons.
- Please follow the steps below (scroll down for Android/iOS):

Windows/macOS

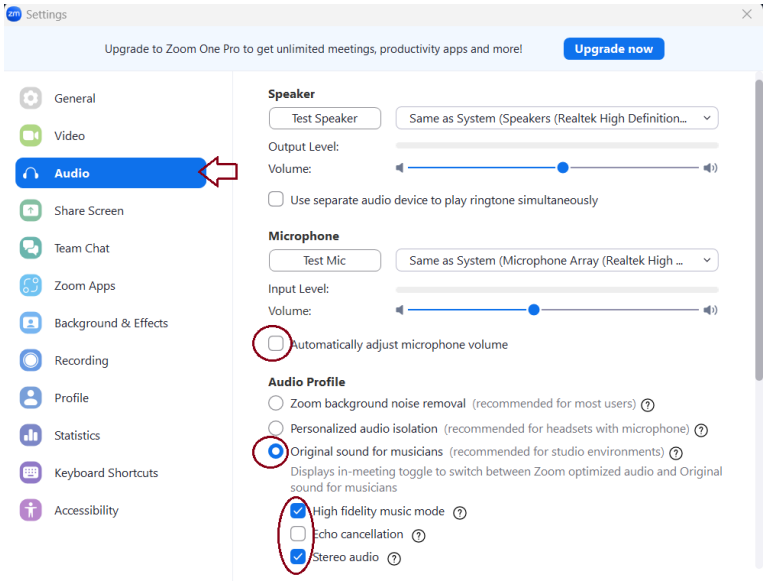
- Click on your profile picture on the top left corner of Zoom's main window and then go to Settings.



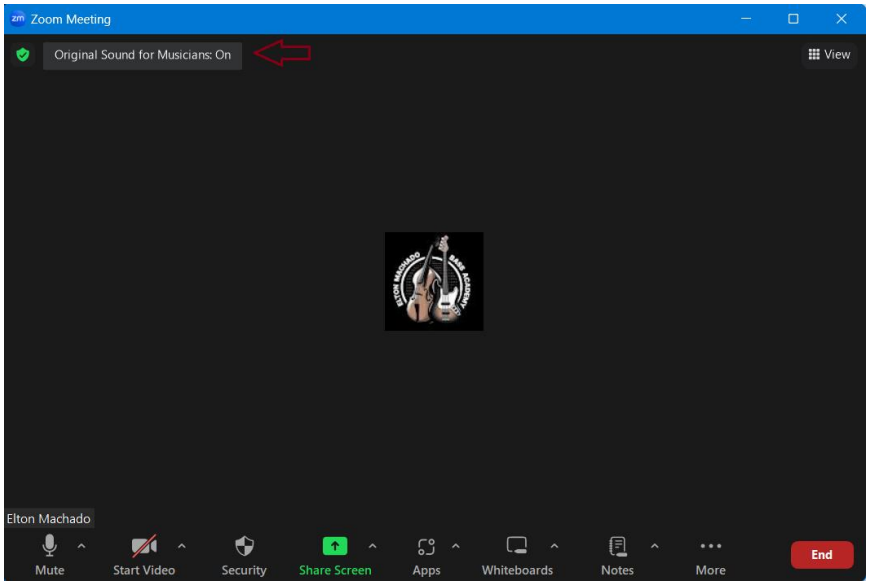
- If you're already in the Zoom meeting window, click on the small caret of the Microphone icon on the lower left corner, then click on "Audio settings…"



- Once in the Settings window, select the “Audio” option in the left menu.
- Under Microphone, make sure the “Automatically adjust microphone volume” box is unchecked; under Audio Profile, select "Original sound for musicians."
    - You may also want to check "High fidelity music mode" and "Stereo audio," and uncheck "Echo cancellation."

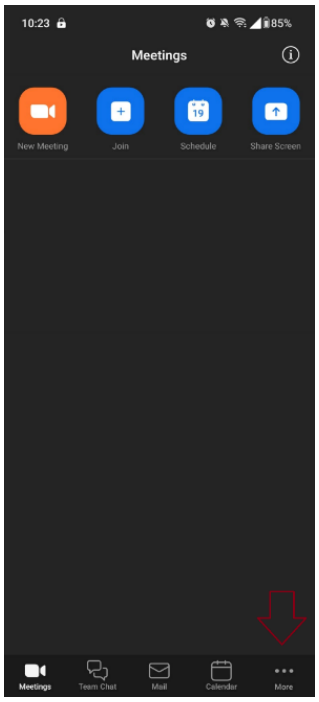


- After the meeting starts, in the Zoom meeting window, make sure to locate the little green shield on the top left and click on “Original Sound for Musicians” so it is turned ON!

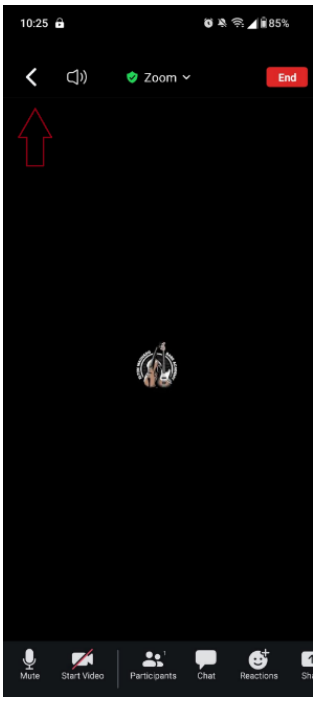


Android/iOS

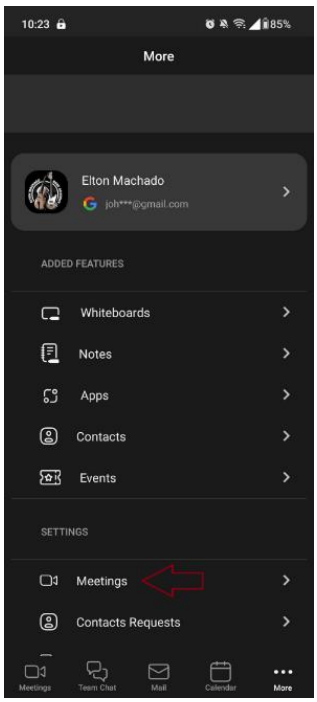
- On the main screen of Zoom app, tap on the “More” three dots icon on the lower right.



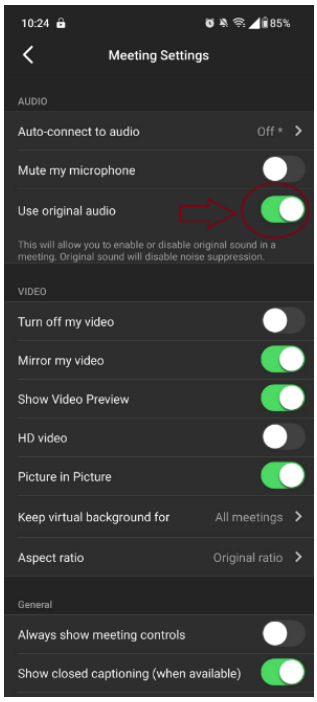
- If you’re already in the Zoom meeting view, tap on the less-than sign on the lower top left corner to go back to the main screen



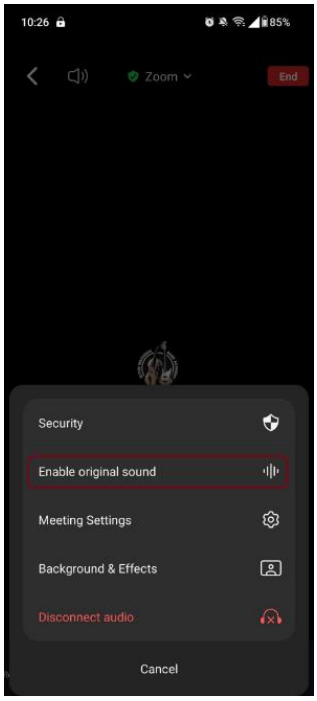
- Under Settings, tap on Meetings.



- Make sure the option “Use original audio” under Audio is toggled on.



- After the meeting starts, scroll the bottom icons to the right to find the “More” three dots icon and tap “Enable Original Sound.”



3. Test Your Set-Up

- Test your Zoom set-up with a friend to ensure your bass and audio are visible and audible.
- Create a well-organized, well-lit, and quiet lesson space for concentration.
- Test your internet capacity and disconnect unnecessary devices to ensure a stable connection.

4. Lesson Apps and Materials

- Download and install apps on your device: a tuner, a metronome, and a drum machine.
    - For Android users, I suggest "Tuner – Pitched," "Soundbrenner," and "Loopz," respectively – all free apps.
- Gather necessary materials like a music notebook, pencil, eraser, etc.

5. Be Prepared on Time

- Be ready five minutes before your lesson time.
- Your computer/mobile with Zoom should be on and ready to start the lesson.
- Have your instrument tuned, plugged in, and within reach.
- Ensure your internet connection is stable and available.
- The instructor will initiate the meeting at your regular lesson time.
- The lesson will end at the regular time even if you arrive late.

With your devices ready and your materials in hand, you will make the most of your bass sessions. Keep up the great work and see you in the lesson!

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