

No. 14 | Practice Opportunities and School Email Addresses

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Dear Members of the Hanns Eisler School Community,

Today our digital semester is 10 days old. The School's directorate would like to thank all those who are working proactively under these exceptional circumstances – and mustering the daily dose of patience this requires!

Before the long weekend, we would like to inform you of a few important issues:

Practice Opportunities

This week, we have finally been able – with severe limitations and in compliance with the rules on distance and hygiene – to implement restricted practice times for students who have no practice opportunities at home. The practice rooms of the Marstall Building have been made accessible, adhering to a strict and staggered time schedule. You may register for these practice slots via your main instructor.

HfM Email Addresses

As of next week, all School communications will take place **exclusively** via the HfM email addresses.

- Students can use their existing email addresses: firstname.lastname@stud.hfm-berlin.de
- Full-time instructors have received a new email address: firstname.lastname@doz.hfm-berlin.de
- Assistant instructors are now also integrated into the School's internal communications: firstname.lastname@lba.hfm-berlin.de

If you have not set up your address yet, please use tomorrow's free day to do so. (It is "Labour Day" after all!)

[Download-Link to the Setup Instructions \(in German\)](#)

EislerCloud

Most students and instructors are already actively using EislerCloud, to which your HfM email address gives you access.

We have now added generally accessible folders containing all important information:

- "Infos Eisler eCampus" – information on tools, technical instructions and tips regarding digital instruction
- "Corona-Maßnahmen" – information on current measures and regulations (e.g. on practicing at the Marstall Building)
- "Gremien an der HfM" – documents of the Academic Senate

Tools for Video Conferences

First experiences with Jitsi in our EislerCloud have been evaluated, and they are not all positive. This is a great shame. Therefore, we are in negotiations with Zoom, as many of you consider this the most stable application, and we have consulted our lawyers as well as the Data Protection Officer of the State of Berlin. Zoom is rapidly developing at the moment, and is working on improving the critical points raised in the media. We have an offer for the Hanns Eisler School on the table: however, the security of our data and the protection of privacy is our obligation, so we must not underestimate the critical points. We kindly ask you to bear with us while we pursue this matter!

I wish you all a good, relaxing time over this long weekend. Enjoy the spring and stay healthy!

Kindest regards,

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