

## No. 16 | Individual Teaching and Semester Dates

Dear members of the Hanns Eisler community,

Here we are, in the midst of our Digital Creative Semester! This is a stony path, as we know, but we are also receiving positive feedback. We would like to thank you all for sticking together as a community and making creative use of this emergency situation we all find ourselves in.

Individual teaching in the school buildings: One great piece of news – in keeping with the general loosening of the restrictions – is the start of limited teaching possibilities in the school buildings starting on Tuesday, June 2. Just to recap: we are still in our digital semester and we are fully aware that many of you are unable to travel to Berlin. With this restricted opening of our buildings we want to give those students who are in Berlin or close by the opportunity to experience a little piece of normality again. The §14 Decree on Restrictions and Measures of the State of Berlin from May 7 2020 is still in effect, meaning that strict hygiene and distancing rules must be observed and teaching can generally only take place in a one-on-one. I would like to emphasize that those of you who are unable to travel or who belong to one of the risk groups will not be disadvantaged in any way.

Semester dates: We are increasingly being asked how long the summer semester will actually last and when the winter semester will begin. At the moment, the dates previously published are still in effect, i.e. the semester ends on July 3 (with examinations through July 17), and the winter semester begins on October 5. However we are in regular conversation with the other arts universities in Berlin and the local authorities and will discuss in the various committees next week whether teaching could optionally take place until the end of July and in September, in order to enable students to catch up and/or take examinations. Since students will not be able to acquire certain points for ensemble playing in the customary manner in the current circumstances, substitute credits may be assigned in consultation with your main teacher. This should enable all students who wish to complete their studies this semester to do so.

Let us emphasize once more that the main slogan for our 2020 summer semester in Berlin is “optional”: the semester does not count towards the standard number of semesters for a degree, and has been formulated by the authorities as an “offer” to all students.

We hope you continue to find that stamina and are delighted to witness your ongoing efforts which will carry our school community through this time with renewed strength!

Kind regards,

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