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Most all of the instruction for Music will be in Deane Chapel, which can accommodate a class of up to 24 students. That is sufficient for all music courses in the fall. The orchestra and choir will be using practice spaces at Montecito Covenant Church.

Most teachers have opted for in-person instruction, with a few choosing to use online technology. Teaching spaces are based on the current understanding of health considerations in each performance area: 6' from student to teacher for instruments and greater than 14' for voice.

We are planning for live streaming and pre-recorded streaming concerts for the fall season, with the option of opening up concert sessions to the public as health and safety standards and facilities allow. We are seeking a mixture of professionally produced presentations in collaboration with Verité Studios and departmentally recorded programs. At this point, we anticipate that the Christmas concert will be pre-recorded prior to Thanksgiving and available online to the community.

Our weekly music student recitals or colloquium gatherings will move to the Deane Chapel lawn with performances being given live from the steps of the building, including collaborative pianists playing from just inside the door frame. In the case of inclement weather, the performances could move inside or be pre-recorded, and be shared via zoom.

We will have a moratorium on touring until such time as we can predict travel restrictions and health concerns at least three months ahead. This might leave an option for a domestic tour of the orchestra in May of 2021. That would be determined by late January 2021.

During the fall term, the Theatre program will help students produce films and engage in new "networked" theatre techniques (e.g., multiple actors in different settings online) and outdoor projects. We envision that a film could be submitted to the Santa Barbara International Film Festival. The Theatre department will adapt their artistic plans and pedagogies to comply with the industry recommendations for safe and creative work during this Covid-season.

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