

WebCam Lessons with Andy Firth

Booking a WebCam Lesson with Andy

This flyer is designed to help you with the important information concerning the lesson content, fees and other information pertaining to WebCam lessons with Andy Firth. Please take a moment to read this thoroughly before scheduling a lesson.

Hardware and Software Requirements

The equipment you will need is a high speed internet connection for HD Skype quality video lessons. However a reasonable broadband connection with ADSL 2+ speed should suffice.

You will also need a WebCam or computer with built in camera. The better the quality of this camera, the more detail you will be able to see during the lesson. You will also need this connected to your laptop computer or desktop computer (PC or Mac will work fine).

Most WebCams will connect to a USB port and in the case of the Logitech C930e, you can also attach your WebCam to a tripod or have it attached to the top of your screen. This is the model of WebCam that Andy uses and highly recommends.

This WebCam offers not only high-quality HD vision but also features additional software that you can download free from the Apple app store or from the Logitech website. After installing this software, you will be able to use the zoom function that this WebCam features. You can use either Apple QuickTime, or another third party application such as Skype in order to record and/or send and receive video and sound via the Internet. By recording your lessons with Andy you will be able to review and relive each lesson as many times as you like! (see the heading, *"Recording your sessions with Andy Firth"*).

Scheduling a WebCam Lesson with Andy

Andy Firth is based in New South Wales, Australia. The most likely times when Andy will be available for a WebCam lesson is between 9am and 2pm Monday to Fridays, AEST, (Australian Eastern Standard Time). To calculate this from Greenwich Mean Time, simply add TEN hours, (AEST=GMT+10).

You can use this site to help you to calculate the time differences between where you live and NSW (AEST).

www.timebie.com/index.php

Andy's Subjects & Areas of Expertise

Andy Firth will only give instructions in areas and topics that he has extensive experience and expertise in. These include, but are not limited to the following areas;

- Clarinet Tuition (intermediate to advanced levels only)
- Saxophone Tuition (intermediate to advanced levels only)
- Jazz improvisation (intermediate to advanced levels only)
- Tonal and technical nuances associated with various styles of music.

Because of the complex and personal nature of teaching an instrument from scratch, Andy Firth prefers not to teach beginner students via WebCam lessons. This does not mean that Andy Firth will only teach highly developed and experience students, but it is expected that the student has at least 4 to 6 years of experience playing their instrument or an equivalent music examination qualification of Grade 5 AMEB. College, HSC, semi-professional, and professional standard players are especially encouraged to seek the advice and experience that Andy can offer them in the above mentioned study areas.

Fee Schedule

- 60 minute session \$100 (AUD)

Please note that foreign currency payments will need to be paid as the amount in Australian Dollars

Payment Options

A payment can be made via PayPal or a credit card via the andyfirthmusic.com shopping cart. Simply click the "Payment for WebCam lesson" button and then fill out the payment options and information form. When your payment has been successfully processed, you will be sent an email informing you that you can now go ahead and schedule a WebCam lesson with Andy Firth.

Recording Your Sessions with Andy

Andy is quite happy for WebCam students to record their sessions with him as this offers an excellent way of reviewing an consolidating the information covered during the lesson.

Please note; The footage and soundtrack from a WebCam lesson with Andy Firth must not be published, shared or broadcast—publicly or privately in any form whatsoever without written permission from Andy Firth.

WebCam Issues & Recording Advice

Try to find a way to record the lessons that is convenient and doesn't use a large amount of hard drive space — as this can significantly slow down the speed and function of your computer.

It is also highly recommended that you find a high quality set of media headphones. These headphones include a microphone for speech and sound transmission/recording and will allow you to use your hands to type and play without being burdened buy a standalone microphone and its limitations. Andy uses and highly recommends the **Plantronics Audio 628 USB series** of media headphones, especially for Apple Mac users.

As with all technology, WebCam can sometimes fail either via Internet connection or computer hardware/software issues. Depending on the situation and the reasons surrounding this failure, Andy is happy to reschedule or to make up the lost time cause by these types of issues. **However, interruptions from your external or domestic sources/issues will not not be rescheduled or made up.** Please make sure that you schedule your time when you can be sure that you will not be interrupted either by telephones, visitors, animals or any other noise/distractions—and that your internet connection and computer is working well before scheduling a lesson with Andy Firth.

Cancellation Policy

In the unlikely and unusual situation of needing to cancel a lesson, Andy will of course reschedule with the lesson for an appropriate time that is both mutually suitable. If the student needs to cancel, for whatever reason, it would be appreciated the due notice of at least 24 hours be given prior to the cancellation of the scheduled lesson. Every situation in this instance is different and of course Andy will make allowances for unexpected or unforeseen reasons for cancellation. However if it turns out that the student ends up cancelling more lessons and they schedule, Andy may choose to stop scheduling further lessons with the student. Monies paid prior to lessons will not be refunded.