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To Our Loyal Customers:

In compliance with the Harris County "Stay Home-Work Safe Order" and for the safety of our customers and employees, Lisle Violin Shop will be closing all offices effectively March 25, 2020. We will reopen to serve our customers as soon as the Harris County "Stay Home-Work Safe Order" order is lifted.

We hope that your child can use this time to hone his or her skills as a stringed instrument player. With so many other distractions removed from daily life, we hope that they may find the true goal of becoming a musician is enjoying music for its own sake. Since most schools have switched over to online learning, we also recommend listening to classical music as they do their work. Many studies show the correlation between listening to classical music and cognitive development. This is also an excellent way to develop appreciation for different composers and styles.

Our goal is to be able to continue to serve our customers as best as possible through this crisis. As a small business, we understand the difficulties that many of our customers are experiencing. The safety and well-being of our customers, employees and their families remain in our thoughts and prayers. We appreciate your continued support as a local business during these difficult times. We can all get through this together.

We will be posting updates on our website at <u>www.violins.com</u> as well as on our Facebook and Instagram pages regarding our status and reopening dates.

Top 5 Things You can Do Right Now to Improve Your Skills as a Musician:

- 1. Practice makes perfect. Don't forget to practice each day to keep your skills fresh!
- 2. Play music in different styles. With players like Lindsey Sterling, the Piano Guys, and many others making pop stringed instrument music popular, there are lots of different options available for students who like to play outside of the classical style.
- 3. Make videos of your performances for friends and relatives to watch or play for them live on a social media platform. Play duets with your friends if you have the music.
- 4. Watch videos of great performers for your instrument. There are many ways to see classic performances online of some of the masters.
- 5. Listen to great classical music online. Learn to appreciate the repertoire of Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, and so many others.

Resources for Online Listening:

This is a series of 'Lessons' made to introduce first year music theory students to the basic concepts in music theory.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDjXwGCr1WA4Wc2FgMI5Wcw/videos



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The Violin Channel

https://www.youtube.com/user/theviolinchannel

A video from one of our local teachers on how to clean your instrument without damaging the varnish

https://youtu.be/FZ0eiZT6Kko

The String Club

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY5QCFkOAlQcCeoKT5zCO8g

A little musician humor with PDQ Bach

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MzXoVo16pTg

Some Basics on How a Violin is Made

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJ4rXpbxqDo

More Music Theory

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJeSs1CDf50zsiP-Iq73t6OIoV5m-5g0j

Want to work on your violin vibrato?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMvj9RIrvrQ&list=PL6urkeK7KgD7_lmbVvVQ3MKsioK7ITRUW&index=2