Dance Teaching Online –
FAQs for the Zoom platform

Why can I play copyright music in Zoom but not on Facebook Live?

At this moment in time, Zoom does not have the intelligent algorithm software that Facebook and other similar platforms use to detect music.

Here is a section from their policy.

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Does my PPL/PRS license cover me for lessons online?

This is PPL/ PRS official line on licenses for Zoom.

"At this moment in time we do not offer a licence to cover the use of copyrighted material for the purpose of teaching dance classes online. However, we have been inundated with similar queries so this is something we are looking into."

We would advise using royalty-free music or obtain prior permission.

Example of royalty free music site is Epidemic   www.epidemicsound.com

Why is there a delay in the music during my lesson?

With regards to the delay in music this could be down to a number of reasons. It's worth pointing out that here there can always be some sort of delay and without knowing more about the set up and how many people are connecting at a time it's hard to diagnose. Here are a few options-

1 - Poor internet connection - Move closer to the router or use a wired Ethernet connection for the most stable connection speed. (Optimal upload and download speed for Zoom is 1-2mbps) you can use link to check your speeds https://www.speedtest.net

2 - Ensure that incoming audio is being listened/monitored using headphones or Bluetooth headset, this makes it easier for your computers microphone to pick up and send only the audio around you and not have filter out audio coming from your speakers (this will also reduce any echo/lag)

For the best results for everyone involved ideally you should send a direct audio line IN to the laptop/pc. You could purchase an "audio capture card" to achieve this.

We have used one similar to this in the past for another purpose but found it to be the best way to get clean audio:

[Startech 2 Channel USB 2.0 Sound Card](#)

 It has 2 Channels so you can connect a microphone/headphones along with the separate line IN for the music. You can then change the settings within zoom to use this (instead of the built in microphone). You may need a 3.5mm splitter and separate speaker to monitor the audio out.

Another option is to use the screen share option and click "share computer sound" in the options to pull audio from the desktop or webpage/ audio player open on the desktop.