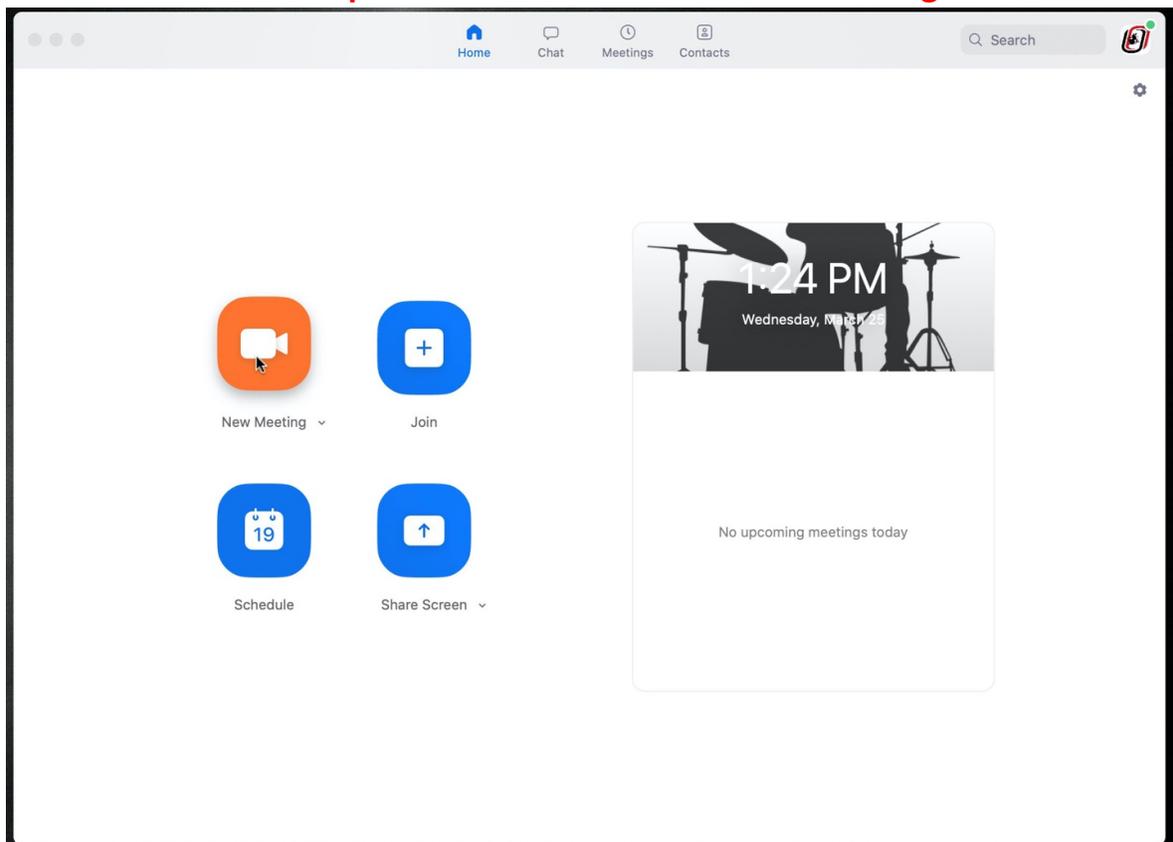


Fixing ZOOM Audio for Instrumental Lessons

(I make no certain guarantee, I'm just a drummer 😊. It worked for me)

This will only work on a computer. The ZOOM app for mobile devices DOES NOT have these settings. If you or a student only have access to a mobile device, save yourself much time/frustration and use another app such as Facebook Messenger, FaceTime, Skype etc...!

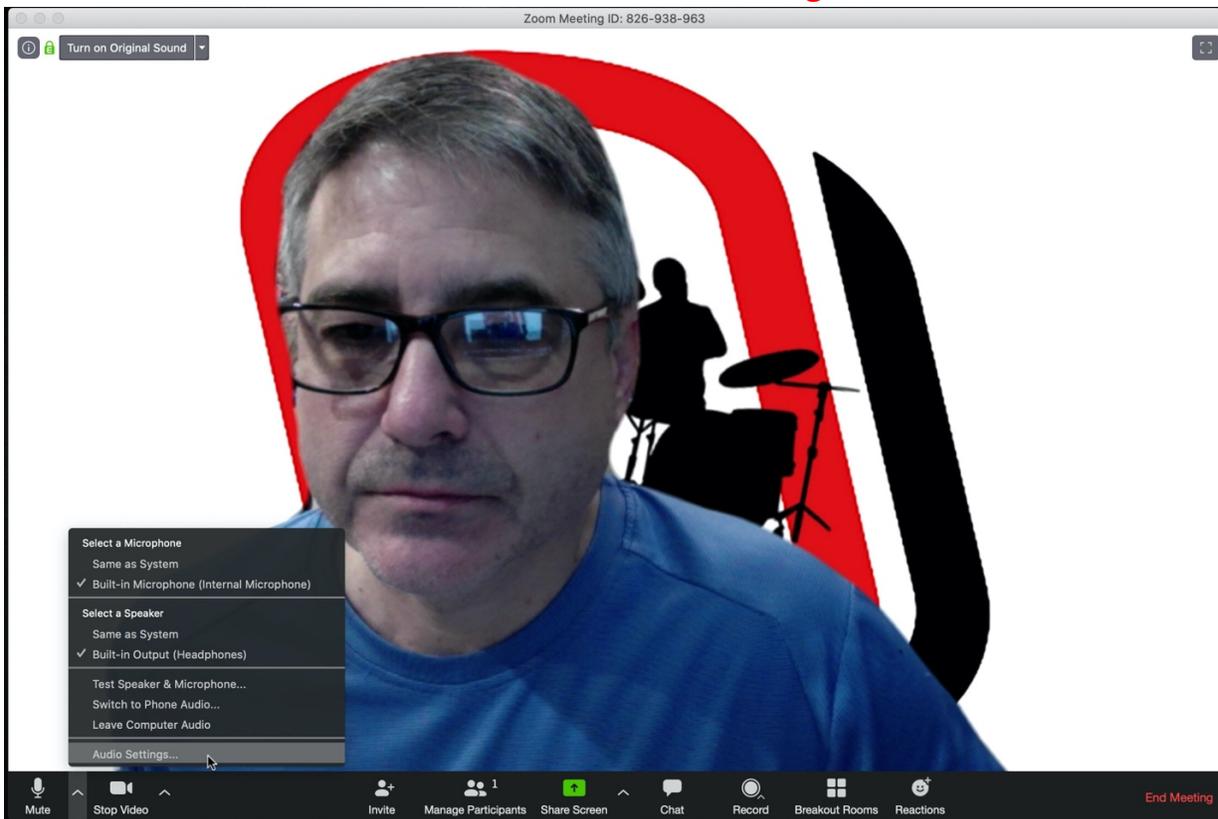
1. Open ZOOM and click on “New Meeting”



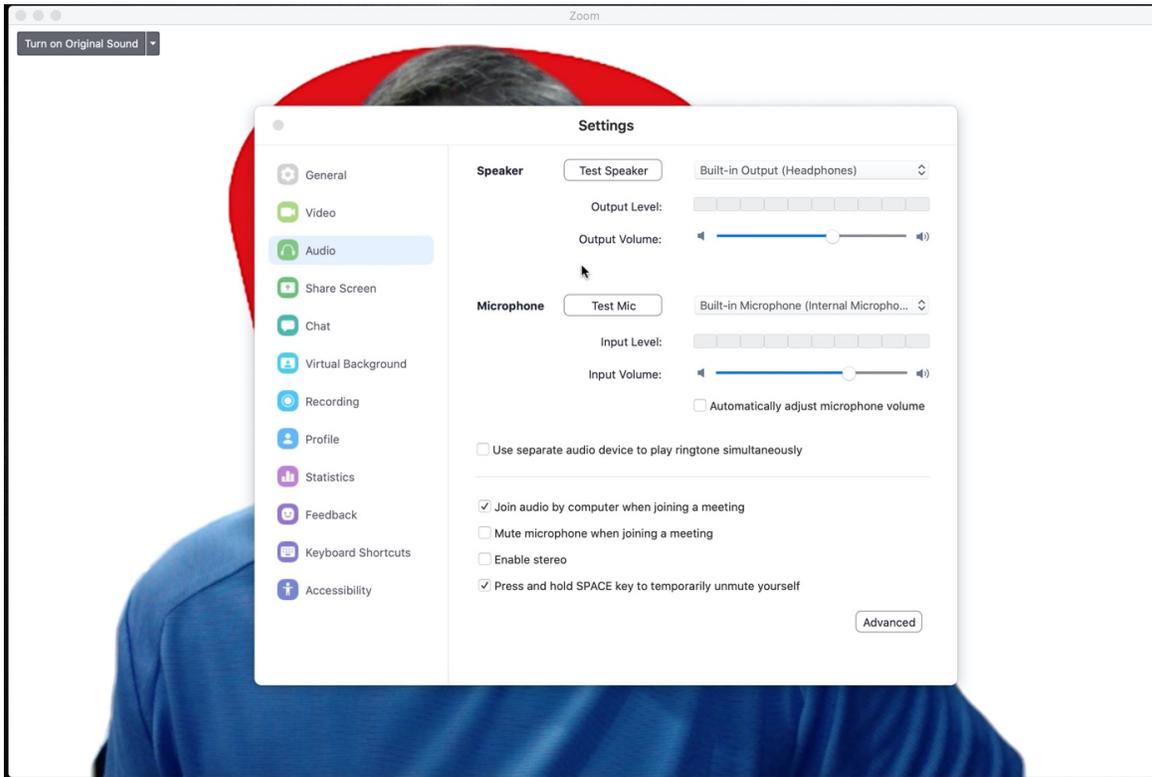
2. Click the “Up Arrow” next the Mute Microphone icon



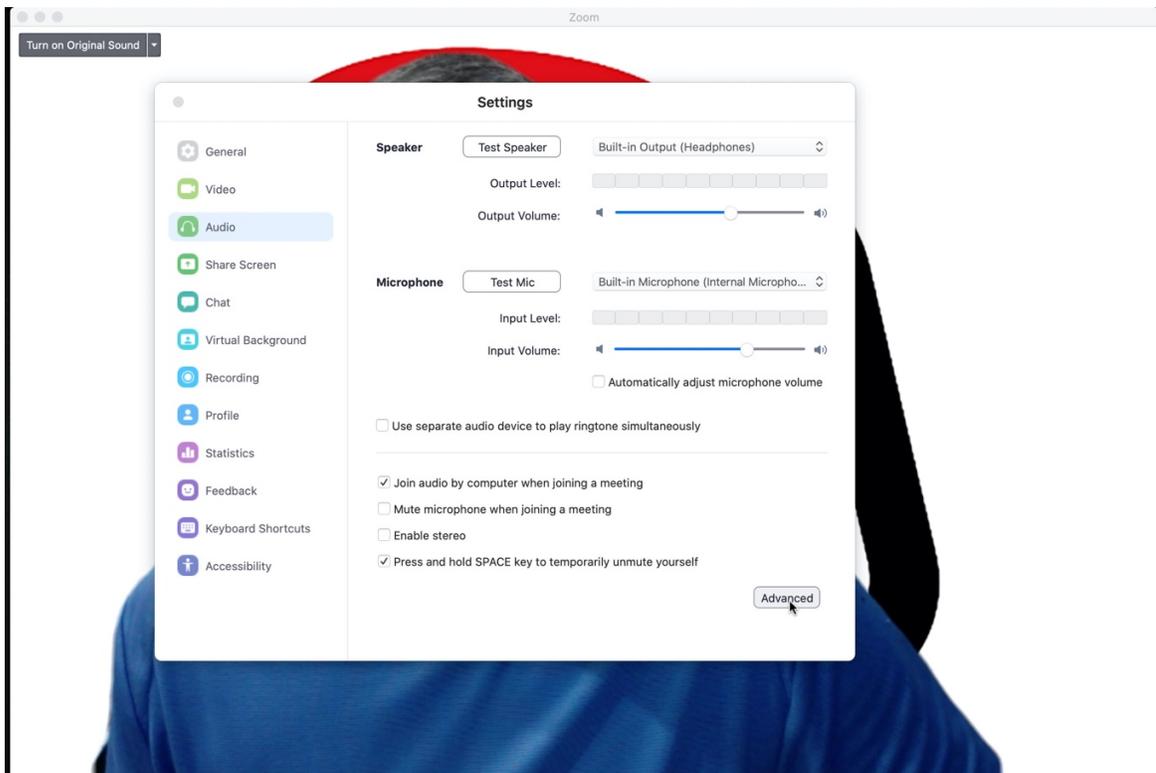
3. Click on “Audio Settings”



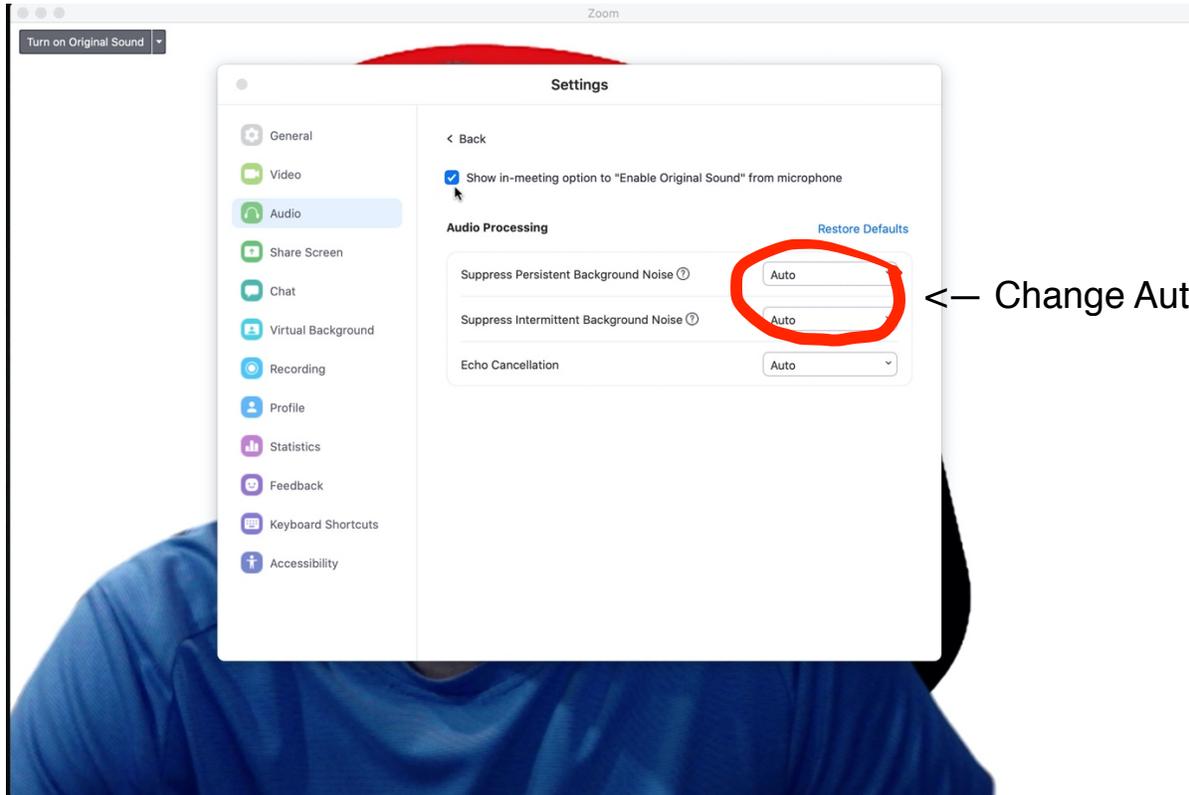
4. Here you can change various settings such as what speaker and microphone you are using and test them. Make sure this is all setup for your personal situation



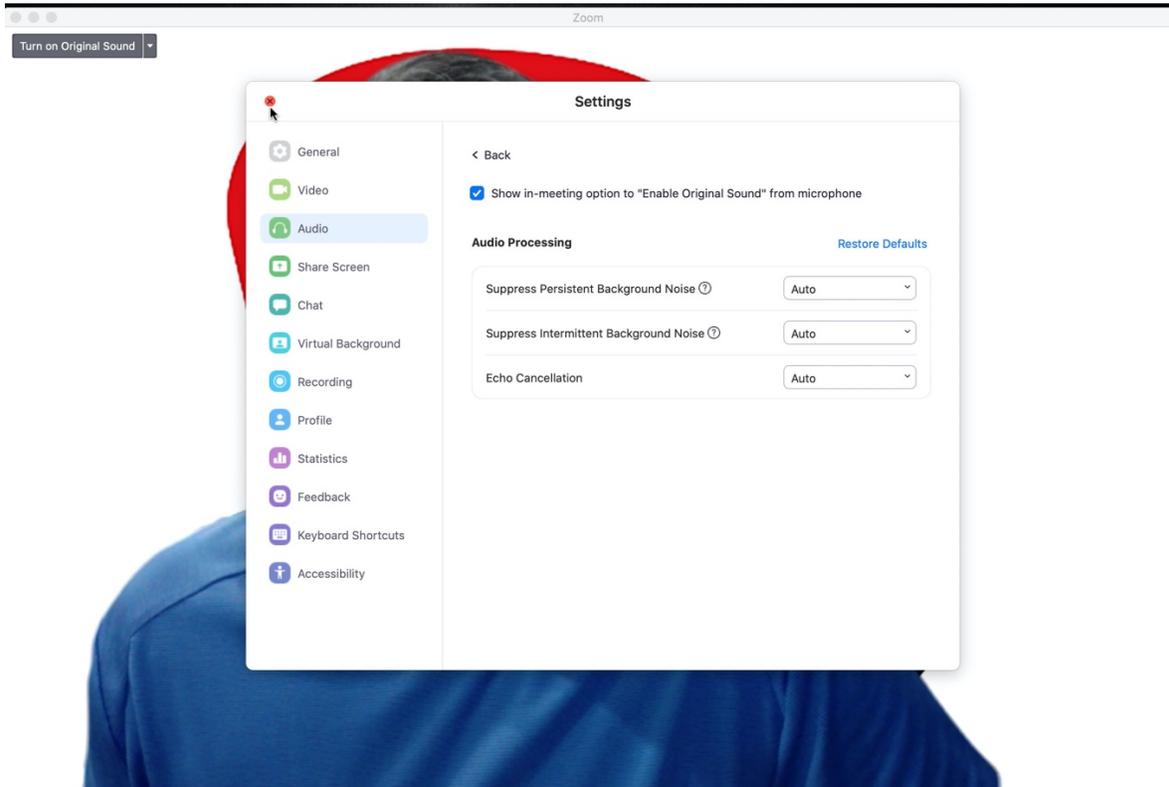
5. Click on "Advanced"



6. Select the “Show in-meeting option to Enable Original Sound from microphone” box
IMPORTANT: This will allow you to bypass the automatic ZOOM signal processing that interferes with audio from an instrument!



7. Close Audio Settings page



8. Turn On Original Sound by clicking on the box.

This can be a little confusing. If it says “Turn Off Original Sound”, that’s what you want. This means it is “ON”. You may need to toggle it to the correct position every time you open a new meeting. This is what bypasses the ZOOM audio processing.

If you are in a meeting without instruments playing, you may want to have original sound Off. The processing is meant for speaking and cutting down on background noise, but wrecks havoc on musical instruments, especially drums!



9. Testing Audio Settings

1. *Open a meeting, you don't need to invite anyone*
2. *Get your axe out*
3. *Hit record, I save the file to my computer*
4. *Play for 30 seconds or so*
5. *Stop the recording and play back the audio file*

Hopefully it sounds pretty good without being compressed and demolished by ZOOM's audio processing.

