



COVID19

Message from the Board of Directors to all Members and Teachers of MMM International Ltd

4 April 2020

Dear Members,

These are challenging times and right now we are all facing situations we have never before experienced, which are worrying, unsettling and making us all feel somewhat insecure. This is to let you know that we as Directors of MMM International Ltd are thinking of our members and teachers all around the world and are dealing with this new situation as it affects us as an organisation, and as individuals, as best we can.

Some decisions about courses and events have been made for us – the performance in Bath planned for 28 March has been postponed, the Easter Course has been cancelled as the Lilleshall facility is currently closed. We will decide about Summer School and the workshop with Joseph Stella at the end of April. Teachers have had to cancel their regular classes.

Meanwhile we are turning to other ways to continue running MMM. Our meetings are held online. We are thinking how to operate virtual training courses. Many teachers are looking at electronic means to deliver classes. It is making us creative in many new and varied ways.

Questions have been asked about putting MMM online and we would like to offer our views on this:

1. We advise against putting do-it-yourself MMM class videos on YouTube or other public channels – we have no way of checking what people do, ensuring their safety, making corrections and safeguarding our own teaching.
2. Individual videos or online classes, by Skype or Zoom* for example, provided privately for your own students and class members but NOT for public viewing, would possibly be covered by your own disclaimer/insurance so are an alternative.
3. A disclaimer at the start of a video would be advisable as an additional safeguard.
4. In the UK, the teachers' insurance policy would cover any claim made as a result of this type of teaching for your own class members, as for normal class situations.



5. Also in the UK, the same rules regarding the use of music (PRS/PPL) would apply as for your normal classes.
6. Teachers in other countries would need to check their insurance and relevant rules.

Other worries facing teachers and self-employed people working in the arts and related areas are of a financial nature. Governments in many countries have issued advice and are offering a range of different forms of financial assistance to help with the lack of income due to the Corona virus. Some websites relating to the UK:

www.gov.uk

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/support-for-those-affected-by-covid-19/support-for-those-affected-by-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-a-grant-through-the-coronavirus-covid-19-self-employment-income-support-scheme>

www.sportandrecreation.org.uk

<https://www.sportandrecreation.org.uk/news/politics/covid-19-business-support-measures-faqs>

In other countries, please look at your official government or ministry websites or local administration for help and guidance.

We wish you all the best in your endeavours to keep MMM going and would love to hear from you in whatever form you choose. Meanwhile, if you have a specific question concerning MMM in times of Corona, or you have concerns about your membership or classes, do let us know – via our Administrator Jacqueline or any Director.

Until we can meet again in person, all best wishes – stay active, stay healthy, and stay in touch!

The Directors

*There have been security issues connected with the use of Zoom, you can find press reports about these online, but there are ways of making your connection more secure (easy to find advice online) and you should make sure you are using the most up to date version as improvements are being made to the software.