Tips for Recording Parts for the Virtual Play-Along

First thing to remember; don't stress too much about all the technical stuff! This is supposed to be a fun community participatory event, and we just want everyone to be involved. We will only be using audio recordings for this project. You may also record a video on your phone/computer and we will take the audio from that. A couple of apps that may be useful are Garage Band (https://www.apple.com/mac/garageband/), Audacity (https://www.audacityteam.org), and Voice Record Pro (https://apps.apple.com/us/app/voice-record-pro/id546983235). Remember, if you have any questions or problems, contact us right away at scgs@seattleguitar.org.

Recording
(We will be using audio only, if you send a video we will take the audio from that, thank you!)

a. You want the best audio that you can get without buying extra gear or stressing out. If you have recording equipment, great, if you just want to record to your phone or computer, that's fine too. Regardless of what you use, you want as quiet a location as possible, If you have a room that has curtains and/or carpeting, something that stops the sound from echoing too much, that's great. Hey . . remember to tune to A440 before you start!:)

b. You will hear two measures of click in 3/4 time (6 clicks) before the music plays. If you are playing a flute or cello part, there are cues in the sheet music parts to help you know when to start playing.

c. Listen to the guide track in headphones or earbuds, so that the only thing you're recording is you playing along. That's what we'll be able to layer on with all the other performers.

d. Enjoy the music and have fun! Please don't stress if your recording is not perfect, the goal for this project is to bring the community together through music, and offer hope for a brighter new year.

Uploading/Sending
Please send your recordings by December 1, 2020!

If you need more time, please contact Hilary Field at scgs@seattleguitar.org. We need all the materials in advance in order to have time to edit it all together for the December 12 concert.

a. You may send MP3s to scgs@seattleguitar.org

b. You may also send via Google Drive, Dropbox at hilfield@comcast.net,
or use Mail Drop in your mail program to "attach" your iCloud file

c. FTP (File Transfer Protocol) directly to our server. This is a system Hilary uses with her students.
Using an ftp program, you can send your file directly to our server. The software to do this is free and secure.
For Windows, you can use CoreFTP (http://www.coreftp.com) and for Mac you can use Cyberduck (https://cyberduck.en.softonic.com/mac).

Drag your video file over — make sure you title the file with your name — and it'll upload automatically.
Below are links to automatic configuration files for both pieces of software; open those and it'll put you in the right place.

If you want to configure it yourself, or you already have access to a different program, here's the upload info:

FTP Username: student@hilaryfield.net
Password: guitarstudent
FTP server: ftp.fingermail.net
FTP & explicit FTPS port: 21

Automatic configuration files: Cyberduck   CoreFTP