Device use recommendations:

1. Place the ipad or the device you are using at an appropriate height
2. Please keep the camera orientation to be landscape mode and should show the student and instrument
3. Use a microphone to amplify if possible
4. Use plain or simple background
5. Please do not to have a bright window or light behind the contestant.

Network:

6. Major thing is the network delay that we cannot control so we definitely suggest a good internet connection point and suggest that family members not to stream videos during the performer's live session. This way they can get full bandwidth.
7. Contestants in a room by themselves to minimize feedback/echo

Usage of apps

8. If needed, you can use metronome app or just have someone else put thala for you
9. From the audio perspective the Shruthi box needs to be close but not too close to the mic.
    a. If placed too far, the audio will be choppy
    b. if too close will oversaturate the audio

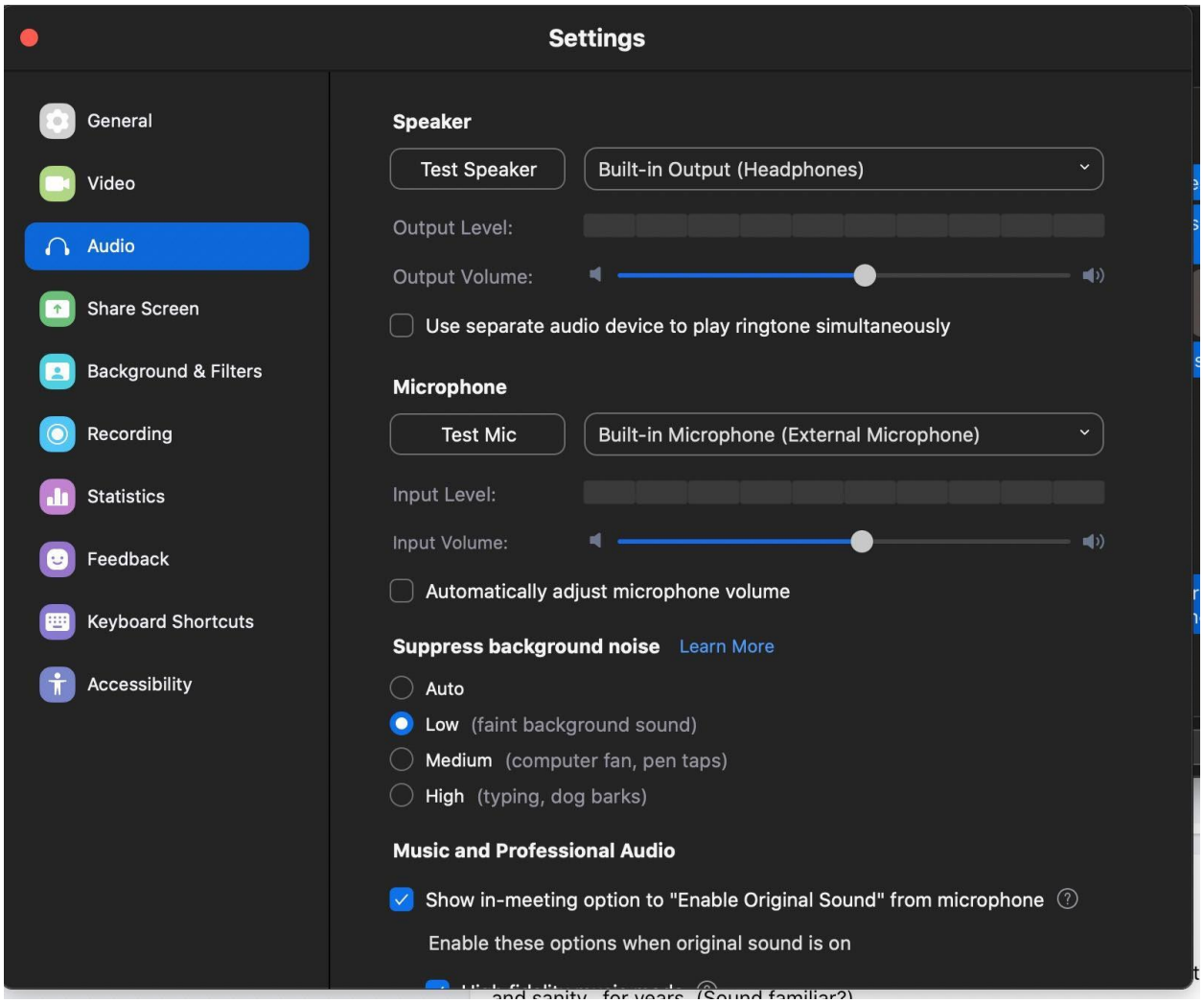
Lots of materials are available online for the specific settings for your instrument play

10. Suggested settings:
    a. Zoom > Preferences > Audio > **UNCHECK** "**automatically adjust microphone volume".**
    b. Zoom > Preferences > Audio > Advanced>CHECK "Show in-meeting option to "**Enable Original Sound**" from microphone
    c. Zoom > Preferences > Audio > Advanced>set Suppress Persistent **Background Noise to "Disable"**
    d. Zoom > Preferences > Audio > Advanced>set Suppress Intermittent **Background Noise to "Disable"**

Available settings from Zoom

Kindly review and use the one that suits best for your instrument and pitch you intend to play

Here are some examples: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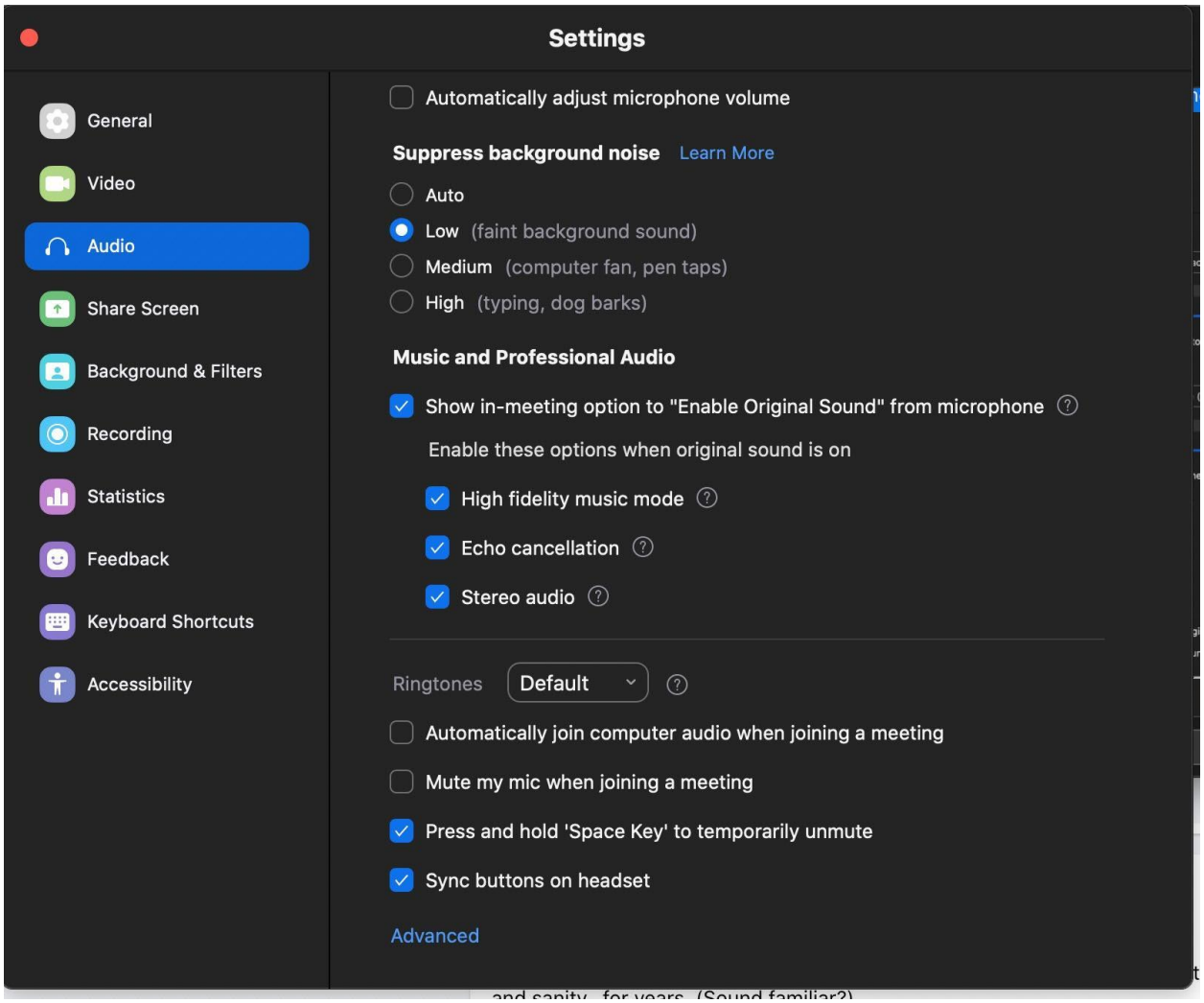
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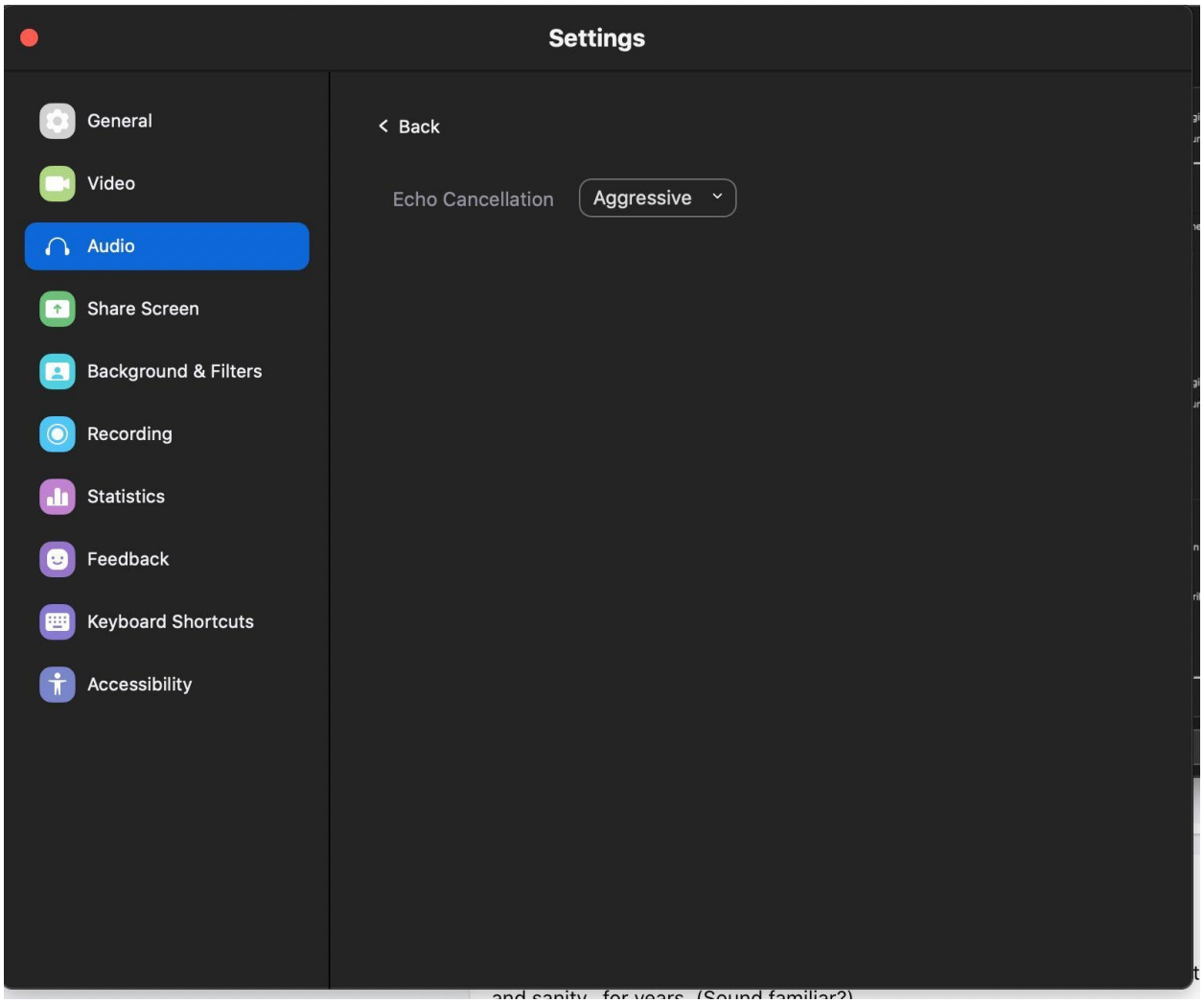
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