

CONCERT RULES AND INFORMATION

A concert normally lasts between 1h-2h.

Often there are other groups doing concerts on the same day and you are invited to stay to listen to any other groups.

Please read and keep in mind the points below:

General

* No young children under the age of 3.

* No food and drinks inside the hall/room.

* **Don't forget to bring the SCORES that the students need to play and to have them READY (open book in their hands).** Don't bring all the books just what they need to play

* **ATTIRE:** Performers should wear formally or with the character costume that they need to perform their opera.

Most classes are preparing compositions which involve acting hence students should wear a costume or elements of the costume to represent the character they are going to perform.

Please ask the children or the teachers which character they are going to perform. Children won't have the time to change from formal wear to character costume. They will have time to add any bits and pieces onto their outfit but not to do a full change of clothes.

* The fee is charged per performer and not per guest. Therefore parents, grandparents, cousins.... everybody is welcome!

Inside the Music Hall

* Extreme SILENCE during the performances - otherwise you will be asked to leave the room.

* Photography and video is allowed.

Before and After the performance

* **EXTREME SILENCE** while waiting outside the Music Building. The noise can be heard from inside therefore please respect others.

* The concert time can be delayed a bit as students' playing time will never be reduced if the time has run out. Therefore please be patient, every student needs its own time.

* Please make sure to arrive 10min before starting time.

INSTRUMENT AT HOME

We cannot urge enough to parents that **students need to have an instrument at home**. It doesn't need to be a full upright real piano it can be a DIGITAL PIANO or even a real key-size keyboard. **Students who don't have an instrument at home take at least three times more time to do the same progress than a student who has an instrument**. Also, in the case of Concerts it is very embarrassing and traumatic for children to not remember the pieces once they are on stage because they haven't been able to practise them since the last lesson. Our students leave their lessons being able to play their pieces but children who don't have an instrument to practise during the week come back most of the time having forgotten the pieces we taught them. This is 'fine' if they just perform in front of the teacher but it is unacceptable if they have to perform in public as they will have a very hard time. Please make sure that all students have an instrument even if it is very simple 5th hand keyboard to practise with.

PRACTISE FOR THE CONCERT

Please make sure that students practise a lot during these next two weeks to achieve a good performance in the Concert. Progress is not made only in the lessons but mainly in between lessons when students consolidate what they have learnt. **A bad, insecure or hesitant performance in the Summer Concert is a traumatic experience for a young musician**. Please help them by making them practise the repertoire they are going to perform. In case of doubt about what your child needs to perform, have a look at their Homework Notebook (Diary) or come inside the individual piano lesson and listen to the rehearsal and discuss it with the teacher (please don't come once the lesson has ended).

LYRICS

Please make sure that students know the lyrics of the songs and especially their solo lines. Lyrics and solo lines will be given next week

k and will be emailed as well so that you can print them as many times as you need.

ABSENCE

The Christmas and Summer Concerts are a **compulsory activity of the music education course.**

Each student has a space allocated. There is **no refunding if the student can't participate in the concert.** The hiring of the place and extra costs are not going to be refunded!

There is **no change of times** possible neither.

Concerts are a great opportunity to all musician-students to perform in public, to get used to be in front of an audience and to show what they have been studying and creating while enjoy transmitting music to others.

Students are always very excited about performing!

Enjoy the Concert!

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