

Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland. 'Count Us In' music education programme.  
Terms & Conditions and Instrument Loan Agreement

**Age limits / General rules**

- Applicants for CUI must be between 9 and 12 years of age on 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year of joining.
- Only those wishing to join the CBOI in the future should apply to the CUI programme
- CBOI reserves the right of admission under all circumstances.
- CBOI reserves the right to make exceptions to age limits and regulations.

**EXISTING /RETURNING MEMBERS & ACCEPTED NEW MEMBERS:**

- All existing / returning members must re-apply for every season.

**Auditions**

- Ordinarily, there is no audition for entry to the CUI programme. However, applicants may be assessed on their willingness and ability to commit to the full schedule of lessons.
  - Participants may be auditioned at intervals to ensure they are progressing.
  - Any attempt to influence the outcome of auditions will disqualify the applicant.
- \*CBOI reserves the right to make exceptions in all cases*

**Availability and Commitment**

One of the CBOI's greatest strengths is the dedication and commitment of our members and families. This is something we value greatly and strive to maintain.

- CUI members will not receive permission to be absent on any day or for any part of a lessons, rehearsal, workshop, course or performance.
- CUI members are given ample notification of the schedule of lessons, workshops and performances. CBOI reserves the right to make changes to dates if necessary. Members are asked to carefully consider the schedule before confirming their availability.
- Members who have **3 absences** from lessons / performances / workshops, without relevant medical certification will lose their place.
- If you miss more than **20 mins** of a lesson/workshop or performance, this is deemed an absence.
- If players cannot commit to the full schedule of lessons, rehearsals, workshops or performances **they should not apply to join/re-join the CUI programme.**
- Members who break their commitment, may lose their place in the CUI programme permanently and may not be permitted to apply to join the CBOI.
- Members who do not practice between lessons, or are not progressing may lose their place in the CUI programme.

**Instruments**

- Instruments are provided on loan, free of charge to CUI Members, and remain the sole property of the CBOI.
- Members who disrespect their instrument and do not care for it properly or cause any kind of major or minor damage to an instrument, may lose their place on the CUI Programme.
- Members who damage their instruments or instrument accessories will be liable for the costs of repair or replacement.

**Lessons, Workshops, Rehearsals and performance**

- Members must accept rules concerning group discipline while under rehearsal and performance or in residence. These are based on common sense, safety, consideration for others and the requirements of performance.
- Members may be asked to perform with a group, in public at the discretion of the CBOI. Where they are not up to standard for any reason they may not be allowed to perform with the group. The decision of the management will be final.
- Mobile phones must be **fully switched off** during all lessons, rehearsals, workshops and performances.
- High caffeine drinks are completely banned. Soft drinks and sweets are banned during lessons, workshops, rehearsals and performances and intake should be very limited at all other times.
- Members may be sent music by email or through a link. They must have their music printed off and in a folder or downloaded onto an iPad/Android. Bring a pencil for marking music to every lesson, workshop, rehearsal or performance.
- Lessons may be closed lessons or parents may be requested to attend. Workshops and rehearsals are closed and no-one is permitted to attend without invitation. CBOI will ask anyone without an invitation to leave.
- All players are expected to be able to work during lessons, workshops and rehearsals and to perform to the highest level.

**All Members must:**

- Sign a registration book/sheet or register digitally on arrival at rehearsals/concerts/events
- Always make sure their teacher and the CEO informed if they are unable to attend an individual rehearsal/event or will be late\* for any reason.
- If requested, submit forms for CUI membership/medical information/dietary information etc. which have been signed by their parents/carers to the office by the relevant deadline in advance of attending rehearsals/events
- Be aware of the physical boundaries of the property where the lessons, rehearsal/workshop/performances take place and never leave them without permission from a member of staff. During lesson, rehearsal,

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workshop break times, there may be an opportunity for members to go to the local shop. This is unsupervised and members who have permission to go are advised to go in pairs. Parents who do not want their child to go to the shops may opt out of this activity by advising CBOI/CUIs Management in writing.

- Not consume alcohol, drugs or smoke while participating in lessons, rehearsals, workshops or performances - in keeping with civil law
- Not engage in rough play
- Not use inappropriate language

**General**

- Count Us In (CUI) was established as a feeder program for the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland. CUI is a free specialist instrumental tuition program designed for children and young people at primary and secondary school levels. The program offers free group lessons in orchestral instruments, including Strings, Woodwind, and Brass. Group lessons are designed for a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 15 students. If the class size drops below 4 students, the class is no longer viable. In such cases, parents and students will be informed and given the option to arrange private lessons with their CUI tutor or another tutor of their choice outside of CUI. Students who begin their musical training in CUI but continue learning an instrument outside the program can still participate in CUI theory classes and the CUI orchestra. In addition, as students progress beyond Grade 5, tutors may recommend individual lessons to better support the students' musical development.
- Members participate in group lessons, workshops, courses and tours at their own risk.
- Players should not bring valuables to lessons, courses, workshops or performance, and should name personal property.
- Parents/guardians of players under 18 and adult players must ensure that instruments are packed in appropriate hard cases.
- Administration fees and tour fees (where applicable) are non-refundable except in the cases of certified medical illness. The amount refunded is at the discretion of the CBOI.

**Recording**

CUI lessons, workshops, rehearsals, events and performances may be photographed and audio /video recorded. All members, parents and guardians hereby agree that you/your child's image may appear in future brochures /booklets /leaflets /posters /flyers etc and video/DVD and or TV presentations /advertisements etc.

**Failure to obey rules laid down by the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland may result in a member losing their place on the CUI Programme and in the CBOI permanently.**

**SIGNED: (Parent/Carer)** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Instrument Load Agreement**

**BORROWER'S COMMITMENTS (Agreement for those using CBOI instruments)**

- CUI Members and Parents/Guardians accept full responsibility for the instrument being loaned to you by the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland (CBOI), and agree to will return it, together with all accessories on or by the date requested.
- CUI Members and Parents/Guardians accept full responsibility for repair costs or replacement costs if this instrument is damaged or lost before it is returned to the CBOI.
- CUI Members and Parents/Guardians agree that the CBOI may impose fees in the event that you do not return the instrument as agreed or do not pay the costs of replacement or repair for which you are responsible.
- CUI Members and Parents/Guardians agree that CBOI is not responsible for the instrument while on loan to you.
- CUI Members and Parents/Guardians agree to return the instrument in perfect condition when requested by CBOI. You should only clean, polish, grease, oil etc as recommended by CBOI.
- CUI Members and Parents/Guardians agree to report any damage to the instrument, immediately and seek advice as to repairs. Damaged instrument should only be brought to a repairer recommended by the CBOI. No DIY repairs should ever be undertaken.
- CUI Members and Parents/Guardians agree that the CBOI may, at any time and under any circumstances, request the return of the instrument without prior notice, and accept that they are duty bound to return same when requested.

**CHILD'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **INSTRUMENT** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNED: (Parent/Carer)** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_