

Concerto Programme School Membership Form

School Name:

School Age Range:

Junior

Primary

Secondary

School Address:

Main Contact Name:

Contact Telephone No:

Contact email address:

Please return this form to:

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Or email an electronic copy to:

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Cumbria Music Service has worked in partnership with the Furness Music Centre for a number of years now and is very pleased to support the 'Concerto' proposal. This proposal strongly reflects the aims outlined within 'The Importance of Music' which is the National Plan for Music Education. As we enter a new era of partnership working the 'Concerto' proposal provides an excellent platform and template model to support the development of a strategic plan for our emerging Music Education Hub.

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The Concerto Programme



*The Opportunity
for children in the
Furness Peninsula
to develop key
skills for life and
business through
music*

**Information for
Schools**

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What is the Concerto Programme?

The Concerto Programme makes it possible for any child to learn an orchestral instrument and play with other people of all ages in small groups and larger orchestras.

As well as the enjoyment a child gets from being able to play an instrument, he or she will learn key skills that will help them in their studies at school and later in their life.

- **Teamwork Skills** It is impossible to make music together without being an effective team - an *ensemble*
- **Concentration** Anyone who has played an instrument in an orchestra or sung in a choir will tell you that it's hard mental work – you have to concentrate hard to stay in time and in tune with your fellow players, watch the conductor, and remember the key points learned in rehearsals
- **Confidence** Success as a team can build confidence like nothing else. This can be developed from the relatively comfortable position of playing as one of a section, to playing a part on your own as a member of a chamber music group, through to performing solos as part of a more complex piece

We strongly believe that playing music with others can provide a child with a great start to learning the skills that will enable them to succeed.

Why are we making this available?

Furness Music Centre provides opportunities for people of all ages and all abilities to make music together. A number of the trustees and adult members had the opportunity as children to learn an instrument and play it as part of an orchestra, and they realise what a positive impact this had on their life chances.

We now want to provide similar opportunities to the children of the Furness Peninsula, and have obtained sufficient funding from local individuals, businesses and charitable trusts to begin the programme.

What is available?

Each child will receive an instrument, instrument tuition each Saturday in term time, attendance at one or more sessions at Furness Music Centre, and assistance with transport if needed.

How much will it cost?

We want to make sure that every child is able to take advantage of this programme, and so we have obtained funding to ensure that all of this will be free those families who can't afford to pay for lessons or buy instruments - **if a child qualifies for free school meals we can provide all of this completely free.**

The cost of the programme for families who can afford to pay is approx. £43.50 per month depending on the choice of instrument. If families feel that they cannot afford this amount, then we can offer subsidies dependent on their circumstances. We encourage families to contact us to discuss this.

We are determined that every child and parent who wants to take advantage of the Concerto Programme will be able to

Schools and the Concerto Programme

As a school you may already provide opportunities for your children to learn a musical instrument – either as an after-school club or with lessons being held in school time. Some schools are very fortunate to have teaching and support staff with musical abilities, but others aren't so fortunate.

We are also acutely aware that budgets in schools are extremely tight and that any provision you do already make will probably represent a significant element of any discretionary budget you may have.

We don't wish to disrupt anything that you are already providing – rather we want to complement and enhance the opportunities available for your children.

We have produced these leaflets to provide the basic information about the Concerto Programme, but we would like to develop an on-going relationship with local schools who share our aims, with schools able to offer advice and influence the programme.

We hope that they will promote and signpost the programme to suitable children and families – particularly those who may be eligible for free entry to the programme.

Please complete the form overleaf to indicate your interest in being part of the Concerto Programme. We will be very happy to meet you to discuss the programme in detail – please contact us to start the conversation.