

GUIDELINES FOR HIRING MUSICIANS AND ORCHESTRAS (UK)

■ Music For An Event

We are able to provide the right music for your event and suggest the right combination of musicians to cover this. Any thing from a solo harp to a wind octet or small string ensemble will enhance your event and provide an exciting backdrop for that special occasion. Simply contact us by e-mail or telephone with your requirements and we will make suggestions and arrange a free quotation.

■ Music For A Concert

The Cornish Sinfonia is now firmly established as one of the leading orchestras in the South West, where they perform regularly at the Hall For Cornwall. They accompany the Duchy Opera and Ballet and have been used to in concerts with stars such as Katherine Jenkins. If you wish to arrange an event using anything from a chamber ensemble to a full orchestra then contact us for a free quote and advice.

■ Solo Musicians & Duets

What We Need

Simply give us an idea of the event you are organising and we will help. We'll need a small area for the musicians to perform under cover (instruments must not get wet!) together with adequate lighting.

What You Get

We'll book an experienced solo musician or duet for your occasion, with the right music to suit your event. They will be dressed to your requirements in formal evening wear, suits or something more casual.

What it would cost

Much will depend on what kind of solo instrument is required but a musician can be booked from £120-£200. A duo will be around £200-£300. Travel costs will need to be added from their home base at a cost of 22p per mile.

■ Trios, Quartets & Quintets

A group of this size will make for an exciting visual impact and provide an interesting repertoire. Trios can be made up of violin, cello & piano or clarinet, cello & piano and Quartets and Quintets can consist of strings, woodwind or brass or combinations of all of these.

What We Need

A minimum area of about 3m x 2m. For an open air event musicians will need to be under cover and lighting must be good enough for them to read music. You will also need to give them an area to change and leave instrument cases.

What You Get

Established chamber groups from members of the orchestra, who will provide classical repertoire or lighter music for a more informal occasion.

What it would cost

Trios will range from £330-£500; quartets from £440-£600 and quintets form £550-£700. Travel costs will have to be added if your event is outside their normal area.

■ Octets & Chamber Ensembles

We can provide almost any kind of ensemble to suit your needs. We will be happy to advise you on all aspects of promoting a concert and can provide a site visit if you are unsure of the suitability of your venue.

What we need

A suitable staged area with about 2m of space for each musician. Again this will have to be under cover and have adequate changing facilities. You'll also need to provide seating, lighting and possibly amplification if the event is outdoors

What You Get

Our programmes are specifically targeted to your needs using the orchestra's library of classical music or programmes from the groups within the orchestra. The whole event can be tailored to your budget.

What it would cost

We can give a free quotation for your event and give advice of the most suitable combination for your budget. Simply contact us and we will do all the hard work.

■ The Full Orchestra

Booking the full Cornish Sinfonia is easier than you think and can consist of anything from 35 - 75 musicians. A reasonable orchestra of about 40 players will be enough to perform most classical favourites and outdoor events programmes. We will be happy to give free advice and quotations and will be happy to arrange a site visit, especially if you are planning an outdoor concert, where many issues such as staging, lighting, amplification, security and access need to be planned.

■ Soloists

We have a number of well known soloists who have performed with the orchestra but you may wish to provide your own or even perform yourself. You may require a singer, pianist or instrumentalist and we will be happy to provide advice and information.

■ Themed programmes

The orchestra has a library of music to cover many programmes but special evenings of film music or show music can also be provided. These tend to be a little more expensive as music has to be hired.

■ Music for schools

The Cornish Sinfonia is always keen to perform to young people and can provide a small orchestra and conductor to attend your school for short concerts and demonstrations. These are very informal and can also involve the participation of your school choir or orchestra. It is best if you can team up with other local schools so that 3 or 4 performances can be made in a day. The cost will be less than you think and will provide children with a valuable insight into musical performance and what can be achieved.