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BILINGUAL SCHOOL WITH SOUTH AFRICAN AND EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE QUALIFICATION

Gisela Lange Musikzentrum (GLMZ)

Information & Guidelines for Parents & Learners

(Jan. 2025)

Enrolment for instrument lessons

Enrolment forms may be downloaded from the GLMZ website and should be submitted to the GLMZ office or handed in at the school's reception desk. Lessons are allocated on a 'first come, first served' base. Preference for a certain teacher may be stated and will be considered duly, especially if siblings wish to study with the same teacher.

Parents are advised to enrol learners at the beginning of an academic year to make the best use of the music centre's services. However, provided that teachers have open slots, lessons may commence at any time of the school year. Parents are also welcome to enrol for instrumental tuition themselves.

Practical music lessons

Lessons may be 60, 45 or 30 minutes long, depending on the teacher's assessment of the individual learner's requirements. Group lessons may be arranged for pedagogical or financial reasons but should not consist of more than three to four students. Pupils may consider the option of two half-hour sessions on different days of the week.

Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance of lessons is expected and is considered the responsibility of parents and learners. If necessary, lesson times may be changed by timely agreement with the teacher.

Missed lessons

- 1 Lessons missed by the teacher have to be made up or refunded. Lessons missed by a pupil without prior notification are forfeited. If timely advance notice is given (if possible 24h), missed lessons should be made up at no additional cost at a time agreed to by learner, parents and teacher.

Termination of lessons

As lessons times are allocated per quarter, notice of terminating lessons must be given a quarter in advance as well – in writing to the teacher and the GLMZ office. Non-compliance with this stipulation results in liability for a quarter's tuition fees.

Tuition fees

For 2023 the GLMZ recommends a fee of R 430 per 60 min lesson / R 325 per 45 min / R 215 per 30 minutes lesson. However, fees may be negotiated between each teacher and parent individually and might therefore differ from case to case. Fees are due in advance per quarter and are payable directly to the teacher (not to the school) on receipt of an invoice.

Bursaries

Costs should not debar any interested student from the opportunity of learning a musical instrument. For that reason the GLMZ and the DSK maintain funds from which bursaries can be made available to needful and deserving learners, at the discretion of the DSK bursar. These bursaries typically cover up to 50% of tuition fees. They are granted for a semester at a time but may be extended upon the teacher's assessment of the student's commitment and progress. For more information and applications contact the GLMZ.

Monitoring progress

The GLMZ provides lesson notebooks (little orange notebooks at R20 per copy) that may be used by pupils and teachers to document important aspects of the lessons and note homework. Half-year short reports may also be entered here. End-of-year reports will be issued on an official GLMZ report form. Moreover parents may expect teachers to inform them about their children's progress and/ or challenges at least once a term.



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Music, study books, instrument accessories

Parents are to obtain required study material and accessories (strings, reeds, shoulder rests, etc.) as indicated by the teachers. On request the GLMZ may assist with ordering such books or items. The GLMZ has a long-standing relationship with *Vivo Music*, which has been providing excellent service and delivers ordered goods to the school once a week (www.vivomusic.co.za).

Instruments

Learning an instrument requires practice and therefore children should have access to a suitable instrument. The GLMZ has a selection of rental instruments (violins, violas, cellos, flutes, saxophones), which can be hired at R 400 per quarter. Piano students may use a keyboard initially to assess the child's aptitude, but should get access to a piano as soon as possible.

Music theory and aural training

Theory and aural training classes are not compulsory, but highly recommended, especially in the case of pupils who have only one lesson a week. By the time a child is at an instrumental Grade II level, it is advisable to take up music theory and aural training lessons to complement the practical skills.

Participation in DSK Music Ensembles

As we consider ensemble playing to be a crucially important aspect of studying an instrument, GLMZ learners are required to participate in at least one of the school's music ensembles (Beat Club, Junior Ensemble, Marimba Band, Choir, Jazz Band) as soon as they have reached an adequate level of playing.

External examinations

Trinity-Guildhall, ABRSM and UNISA Music exams can be facilitated by the centre, but should only be attempted after thorough consultation with the teachers. Please obtain all relevant information (regarding entrance fees, dates, venues, accompanying musician, prerequisite theory exams, etc.) before enrolling your child. Note that instrumental accompaniments for exams and performances will be on the parent's account.

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Visitors / disturbances during lessons

It goes without saying that only the child whose parents have paid for the lesson may be taught and may be present during lessons. Visitors may sit in at the discretion of the teacher, provided that the lesson is not disturbed in any way. Parents are politely requested not to interrupt any lessons (e.g. for enquiries). Instead they are encouraged to use the teachers' consulting hours (if available) or contact them by phone or email. Please contact the office, should you not be able to reach a teacher.

Communication

We encourage parents, learners and teachers to communicate any concerns, questions or suggestions transparently and frankly. Important matters should be submitted in writing to allow a proper follow-up.

GLMZ hours, consultation times:

Individual tuition: Mon - Fri from 12:30 till late, external learners may be accommodated in the mornings.

Consultation times with GLMZ management: Tue 11h - 12h30 or by appointment: glmz@dsk.co.za

Parking & Driving

Parking on the school grounds is permitted only in designated parking bays. Cars parked elsewhere may be clamped by school security. Always drive especially carefully – pedestrians have right of way.

*I have read and understand the **Information & Guidelines for Parents & Pupils** and agree to adhere to all stipulations spelled out therein.*

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____