Letter of Agreement

The University of Delaware Little Masters Project (LMP) offers free weekly private lessons and musical instruments to selected underserved* middle school students in the greater Wilmington area, culminating in public performances. Founded and directed by the Delaware Governor’s Award recipient and UD violin professor Xiang Gao, LMP is being offered through the support of the Master Players Concert Series at the University of Delaware (MPCS), and independent donors of MPCS. The goal of LMP is to enrich students’ lives by improving their music abilities, which will in turn improve their self-esteem, concentration, appreciation for beauty and the arts, and overall positively impact their classroom performance.

Upon admittance to the program, parents will pay a $30 deposit by cash or check. This deposit will be returned upon successful completion of the program as long as the conditions set below are met. Checks will not be cashed unless program conditions are violated. Instruments will be provided to students at no cost to them. All instruments will be given to students in good playing condition. Students will also be provided with all necessary accessories for the instruments. The instruments will be given to the students to keep upon successful completion of the program. If the student fails to complete the program, they are to return their instruments to MPCS. The instruments cannot be sold for any reason. If a student grows out of their current instrument size, they must return it and exchange it for a larger size instrument. Should the student fail to complete the program, they are to return their instruments to MPCS.

If a student misses more than three lessons, they will no longer qualify for the program and will be required to return their instrument for the next person on the waiting list.

The instrument should not be stored in a hot or cold environment, left out in the sun, in the car, or near water or a heater. When not in use, the instrument should always be in its case, which should always be locked. The instrument and case should be handled gently and never dropped. MPCS will cover the cost of reasonable repairs only.

Students must commit to weekly lessons (45 minutes each), theory classes and weekly group coaching for chamber ensembles (45 minutes). Students must arrange for their own transportation to and from the University of Delaware each week. Lessons will be held on Sunday afternoons 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Each student must practice for a total of five hours each week and show improvement in order to continue with free lessons. Students must also learn their assigned repertoire and prepare to perform in the upcoming public concerts assigned by MPCS, if selected.

All LMP teachers will obtain criminal background checks and be trained prior to the start of lessons.
LMP lessons will take place at University of Delaware. When the students are not in lessons, students must stay with the student coordinator in the LMP homeroom. Students must do their homework or participate in group activities while not in lessons.

Students will also be required to fill out an emergency contact form that will be kept on file both with the student coordinator at University of Delaware as well as in the MPCS office at UD.

Students and parents must complete the photo/video release form and return it upon acceptance to the program.

*LMP is only available to students of families with financial challenges to afford weekly private lessons.*

Agreed by:

Parent signature ___________________________ Date __________________________

Student signature ___________________________ Date __________________________
Application for the Little Masters Project

Student Name:

Student Instrument:

Middle School attended:

Middle School Music Teacher Name:

Middle School Music Teacher Email:

Student Age:

Number of years playing:

Parent Contact Email:

Parent Contact Phone Number:

How did you hear about the Little Masters Project:

Which instrument are you interested in learning? Please indicate your top three choices below. Options: violin, viola, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet.

First choice: ______________

Second choice: ______________

Third choice: ______________
Student - Please write a short essay on “Why do you want to join LMP?”

Parent, please write a short essay on “Why do you support your child to study music and what can you do to help your child to succeed?”
**Minor Photo and Video Release**  
*University of Delaware – Master Players Concert Series*

I, as parent or guardian of the minor identified below, hereby grant the University of Delaware the absolute and irrevocable right and unrestricted permission to use, reproduce, publicly display and publish any photographic or videographic images taken of me and/or the minor, and all derivative works thereof, including any likeness or image, in conjunction with my or the minor’s name, in print, electronic and all other media, for illustration, promotion, art, publicity, advertising or any other purpose. This grant further applies to all copyrightable works created in whole or in part by me or the minor, and extends to the University of Delaware, its legal representatives, successors and assigns, and all persons acting under its permission or authority (collectively, the “University”).

I understand that the images of me, the minor and/or the copyrightable works may be incorporated into other works and may be protectable by copyright, and I agree that any copyright in same shall be the sole property of the University.

I hereby waive any right that the minor or I may have to inspect or approve any materials that may be used in connection therewith, or the use to which it may be put.

I hereby release, discharge and agree to hold harmless the University from all liability in connection with any such activities and materials, as well as any publication thereof, including with respect to any claims relating to copyright ownership, publication, privacy and publicity, and any claim for compensation related to any use of such materials.

I hereby warrant that I am of full age and have every right to contract for the minor in the above regard. I state further that I have read the above authorization, release and agreement prior to its execution and that I am fully familiar with the contents hereof.

**PLEASE PRINT**

**Name of Minor:**

**Address of Minor:**

**City, State, ZIP:**

**Phone Number:**

**Name of Parent/Guardian:**

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:**

**Date:**

**Event/Timeframe:**