

MISO DOUBLE BASS BURSARY 2021

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The double bass is the lowest voice in many ensembles. It is a very versatile instrument, needed in just about every type of ensemble: orchestral, jazz, rock, pop, bluegrass, and more. Many double bass players easily cross-over to also play bass guitar.

Although these features make the double bass a desirable instrument to learn, the cost of hiring or buying a bass is greater than for other string instruments, making it prohibitive for many students.

We are pleased to offer a bursary for students to start or continue with double bass lessons. The bursary will cover use of our instrument and MISO ensemble fees for 12 months to the benefit of both the student and the ensemble. Applications are open to anyone in the community regardless of prior musical experience.

The successful applicant will be expected to commit to the following:

- Taking 12 months minimum of lessons on the double bass (one term's lesson fees will be covered by the bursary)
- Participating in a MISO ensemble for 12 months (fees covered by bursary)

Practicalities:

- Our bass is a standard (3/4) adult sized instrument generally suited to students over 150 cm tall
- Students must have access to a suitable vehicle large enough to transport the bass
- Reasonable care must be taken against the instrument being lost, stolen or damaged. The successful applicant will be responsible for any loss or damage to the instrument, including the case. This includes payment for any repairs that may be required or the purchase of a new instrument if the damage is significant.

Bursary applicants will need to submit a short Personal Statement addressing the following:

- Music experience and current instrument (if any)
- Current studies
- How the bursary will benefit you and your family
- What benefits you see to learning music and participating in community music

Applications will close on Monday 5th April 2021. The successful applicant will be notified by Monday 19th April.

Applications will be assessed by a panel using criteria which will include but may not be limited to the following: need, engagement with and commitment to community music, musical potential.

Please email your applications to:

president@metsoperth.org

Please include your name and contact details and include your parent/guardian's name and contact details if you are under the age of 18.