

COVID-19 Informed Consent and Release of Liability

Although the University of Southern California has re-opened with restrictions in accordance with federal, state and local recommendations and guidelines, the novel coronavirus and its variants (hereinafter collectively referred to as "COVID-19") continue to spread and remain an ongoing threat throughout the United States, including in the state where the 2022-2023 USC Thornton School of Music Admission/Audition Process ("Process") is located.

Despite the continuing risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Participant seeks to proceed with attending activities associated with the 2022-2023 USC Thornton School of Music Admission/Audition Process ("Process").

In consideration of the foregoing promises and mutual covenants, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby expressly acknowledged, the Participant, as well as the Participant's parent(s) or legal guardian(s), agree as follows:

1. The Participant acknowledges the contagious nature of COVID-19 and the known and potential risks of proceeding with the Process, including personnel, contractors, suppliers and other individuals involved being in public, outside their homes, and possible exposure to COVID-19, which could result in quarantine requirements, serious illness, disability and/or death.
2. The Participant recognizes and acknowledges that the hazards and risks associated with COVID-19 cannot be fully eliminated. Notwithstanding the hazards and risks associated with COVID-19, the Participant willingly and voluntarily seeks to proceed and assumes the full risk of proceeding with the Process.
3. The Participant shall indemnify and hold harmless the USC Thornton School of Music and the University of Southern California from all Claims arising from or out of, or relating to, directly or indirectly, COVID-19 or any other illness or injury that may occur, in each case in connection with the Process, whether caused by the negligence of the Participant, the Process or any third parties ("COVID Claims").
4. The Participant hereby forever releases, waives, discharges and covenants not to sue the USC Thornton School of Music and the University of Southern California for any COVID Claims. The Participant understands and agrees that the USC Thornton School of Music and the University of Southern California shall not be responsible for any such Claims arising from or out of, or relating to, directly or indirectly, COVID-19 or any other illness or injury that may incur in connection with the Process, whether caused by the negligence of the Participant, the Process or any third parties and the University of Southern California accepts no liability for such Claims.
5. As a condition for participation in the Process, the Participant and/or any of their guests or invitees, and/or any and all other individuals present at the Activities/Events shall strictly comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, codes, regulations, mandates, and/or orders now existing or existing in the future, regarding or related to COVID-19, including, without limitation, all social distancing, group gatherings, use of face masks/coverings, and sanitizing/disinfecting requirements necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The Participant shall be obligated and responsible for ensuring that they strictly adhere to all applicable laws, ordinances, codes, regulations, mandates, or orders of any federal, state, and local governments, now existing or existing in the future, regarding or related to COVID-19, including, without limitation, all social distancing, group gatherings, use of face masks/coverings, and sanitizing and disinfecting requirements necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
6. The Participant shall inform, by advance written notice, the USC Thornton School of Music and the University of Southern California of any relevant information arising from or relating to the above rules, limitations and restrictions. The Participant's obligations under this paragraph shall include, without limitation, advising the USC Thornton School of Music that they have experienced symptoms indicative of COVID-19, or has recently been in contact with individuals who have COVID-19. Participants answering in the affirmative shall not be allowed by the USC Thornton School of Music or the University of Southern California to enter, use or have access to the premises. Any Participant who has not been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 is also obligated under this Section to use face masks/coverings and practice social distancing.

Date: ____/____/____

Participant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if participant is under 18): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____