

## Parental Consent

The undersigned parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby, give(s) permission for their child to participate ("Participant") in the 2023-2024 USC Thornton School of Music Admission/Audition Process ("Process") at the University of Southern California ("USC").

The Participant's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) expressly understand(s) and agree(s) that the Program presents risks to Participant and/or her/his property. These risks can include, among others (by way of example and without limitation): disease risks; injury to the muscular, skeletal or nervous systems; injury to internal organs; scratches, bruises, contusions; loss or damage to sight, teeth or hearing; paralysis; concussions; brain damage; other serious injury; and/or death. Participant's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is/are responsible for researching and evaluating the risks he/she may face and is responsible for his/her actions. Any activities that Participant may take part in, whether as a component of the Process or separate from it, will be considered to have been undertaken with Participant's parent(s)' or legal guardian(s)' approval and understanding of any and all risks involved.

To the fullest extent provided by law, the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) agree(s) to defend, indemnify and hold USC, the Program, its officers, trustees, employees, insurers, volunteers and agents harmless from any and all claims, damages, or liabilities of any kind arising from the Participant's or their conduct related to any and all Program-related activities. This indemnification also includes, but is not limited to, any injury, illness, death, or any loss or damage to personal property including reasonable attorneys' fees and/or any other associated costs, from any action, claim, or demand or other consequences arising or resulting directly or indirectly from participation in the Process, including but not limited to claims arising from or related to USC's negligence.

The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) agrees that USC assumes no responsibility for any injury or damage arising out of, or in part caused by, participation in the Process, either while in transit to or from or at the activity locations including but not limited to claims arising from or related to USC's negligence. They further agree that they, their spouses, assignees, heirs, guardians, and legal representatives hereby voluntarily indemnify, release from liability, agree to defend and hold harmless USC for any accident, injury, illness, death, loss, theft, damage to person or property.

By signing this Consent and Release Form, the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) waive their right to bring any legal action now or at any time in the future to recover compensation or obtain any other remedy for any injury or illness to person or property or for death, however caused, arising out of participation in the Process. They further agree that they, their spouses, assignees, heirs, guardians, and legal representatives will not make any claim against, sue or attach the property of USC for any loss or damage resulting from participation in the Process. The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) agree that they are aware of the potential dangers incidental to participation in the Process, that this is a release of liability, a waiver of their legal right to collect damages in the event of injury, death or property damage, and a contract between USC and them, and they sign it of their own free will.

If any provisions of this Consent and Release Form are held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent and Release Form shall be construed as if it did not contain the invalid or unenforceable part, and shall be constructed and enforced accordingly. This Consent and Release Form is governed according to the laws of California.

The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) expressly agree that this release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as the State of California will allow and that if any portion is held invalid, they agree that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_