

Instrument Lending Policy

Intent

El Sistema Grey Bruce - The Big Sound (also referred to as The Big Sound and/or TBS) lends instruments to children and youth enrolled in their Program, free of charge.

Process

Instruments are assigned to Program participants at the sole discretion of The Big Sound. The care of the instrument is considered to be the responsibility of the Program participant along with the parent and/or guardian of the child/youth enrolled in the Program (refer to TBS's Instrument Loan Agreement).

The parent and/or guardian is required to undertake, in writing, that while the instrument is in their care, they will:

Not, nor allow anyone other than Program Personnel to, tune or make adjustments to the instrument.

Ensure that the instrument is always placed safely out of reach of younger family members and away from high-traffic areas, radiators, and other direct sources of heat, sunlight or extreme humidity.

Take all reasonable measures to safeguard the instrument from any damage to strings, the bow, any instrument accessories as well as the physical body of the instrument, including the instrument's protective case.

Accept responsibility in instances when return of the instrument is late and the instrument must be kept by the child/youth at school during school hours until the Program begins.

An Instrument Loan Agreement will be signed annually by both the Program participant, the child's/youth's parent/guardian, along with a member of The Big Sound.