

# MU CONTRACT FOR LIVE ENGAGEMENT FOR HIRING A SOLO MUSICIAN

An Agreement made on ..... / ..... / ..... (date)

between ..... (full name of the Hirer)

of .....

..... (Hirer's address)

and ..... (full name of Musician)

of .....

..... (Musician's address)

The Hirer engages the Musician to perform the following Engagement(s) at .....

.....

..... (name and address of venue)

on the date(s) and at the time(s) and for the fee(s), plus VAT if applicable, listed below:

DATE	START TIME	FINISH TIME	FEE

## CONDITIONS

- It is agreed that the fee, plus VAT if applicable, for each Engagement listed above shall be payable on the date of performance of such Engagement.
- The Hirer and the Musician agree that the equipment and instruments of the Musician are not available for use by any other person except by specific permission of the Musician.
- The Hirer shall ensure a safe supply of electricity and the security of the Musician and his or her property at the venue.
- The Hirer shall not make or permit the making of any audio and/or visual recording or transmission of the Musician's performance without the prior written consent of the Musician.
- This Agreement may not be modified or cancelled except by mutual consent, in writing and signed by both parties.
- Any rider attached hereto and signed by both parties shall be deemed incorporated into this Agreement.

SIGNED BY THE HIRER .....

Print name ..... Tel: ..... Fax: .....

SIGNED BY THE MUSICIAN .....

Print name ..... Tel: ..... Fax: .....

*One copy to be retained by the Hirer, one copy to be retained by the Musician.*

NB. MU members are insured personally in respect of legal liability that may arise following injury or damage to members of the public. The limit of indemnity is £10million. This policy is only operative whilst the individual registered member is performing, rehearsing or auditioning either solo or as part of a group, band or orchestra and/or whilst teaching either at the member's own home or in a public place including transit to and from.

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## The MU – Keeping Music Live!

Thank you for using this MU Standard Contract. The Union's contracts for live engagements cover almost every eventuality and have been tried and tested over the years by literally thousands of musicians and hirers. We regularly review these agreements to ensure they are both up to date and in line with any changes in legislation.

MU members with specific queries concerning the use or application of this contract should contact their Regional Office:

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## Benefits of MU membership

Everyone who plays an instrument knows that it can be a source of tremendous enjoyment. But if you have ambitions to make all or part of your living from any kind of music then it can become a serious business. You will need the help of the only organisation that cares about every kind of musician. The Musicians' Union is the largest union of musicians in the world and our services can save you more than the cost of membership.

### Public liability cover

Exclusive insurance schemes  
Instrument protection

### Health & Safety

Lifelong learning  
Courses, seminars & workshops

### Personal injury package

Benevolent assistance  
Medical hotline

### Legal assistance

Partnership Advisory Service  
Fee recovery & dispute resolution

### Salary & rate negotiation

Contracts & specimen agreements  
Consent forms

### Rights protection

Media & session specialists  
Fee collection & distribution

### Tax savings guide

Pension schemes  
MU credit card

### MU Diary

Discount schemes  
MU merchandise

### Experienced staff & officials

Nationwide regional offices  
Dedicated helplines

### Careers & business advice

Contract Advisory Service  
Industry lists & leaflets

### Campaigns & lobbying

Specialist sections  
Networking opportunities

### MU website

Membership directory  
Musician magazine

## MU support for venues – the Live Music Kit

We all know that the best way to create an atmosphere is through music. If you run a traditional pub or a modern bar, a hotel or restaurant, live music can help you build a successful business. From a singer songwriter to a rock tribute act, from a solo pianist to a swinging big band, from a girl group to a string quartet, you can find the style of music best suited to your venue.

The Licensing Act 2003 will come into force during 2005 and will replace the existing licensing system which includes, amongst others, the Public Entertainment Licence. In fact the legislation reforms the alcohol, entertainment and late night refreshment schemes into a single licensing system which will be administered by local authorities.

The types of entertainment that must be listed on the operating schedule for this licence include live music, recorded music and the facilities for dancing and making music. The Department for Culture, Media and Sport has highlighted to local authorities the need to encourage and promote live music for the wider cultural benefit of the community as a whole.

To help venues in staging future live music events, the Musicians' Union has created a LIVE MUSIC KIT.

*This includes:*

- How to apply under the system
- Matching the event to your venue
- Contact details for sourcing acts
- Draft gig contracts for artist
- Promotional tips
- Public liability insurance
- Health & Safety issues
- PRS / PPL requirements
- A guide to the payment of artists
- Temporary event information

To benefit from this help and to download our LIVE MUSIC KIT, please visit our website at: [www.musiciansunion.org.uk](http://www.musiciansunion.org.uk) and select the *html* option, then click on 'Live Music Kit' on the MU homepage.