

North of Trinidad Steel Drum Band Membership Contract

1. North of Trinidad Steel Drum Band (NOTSBD) director Ronald Martin does not require a security deposit for the drum(s), case(s), stand(s) or mallets issued. However, the undersigned does agree to take full financial responsibility for the drum(s), stand(s), case(s) and mallets they are issued should the drum(s), case(s), stand(s) or mallets need to be repaired or replaced. Ronald Martin will be the sole arbiter on whether the drum(s), case(s), stand(s) or mallets need to be repaired or replaced. This is non-negotiable. The value of the drum(s), stand(s), case(s) and mallets will be listed below. Should the drum(s), stand(s), case(s) or mallets need to be repaired or replaced the undersigned is required to do so within 30 days. Because of the slow moving nature of the steel drum industry, more time can be granted if deemed appropriate by Ronald Martin should the drum(s), stand(s), case(s) or mallets need to be repaired or replaced.
2. The monthly membership fee of \$133.00 is due at the first rehearsal of each month. For example, if the first rehearsal of April is on April 5, the fee will be due on April 5. There will be a \$20.00 late fee assessed for every week the membership fee is late. This will be strictly enforced. If a student becomes more than 2 weeks delinquent in their membership fees Ronald Martin reserves the right to suspend them from full band rehearsals and private lessons until all debts are satisfied. For the membership fee students will receive a steel drum(s) to take home and practice (with stand, mallets and case), a weekly one hour full band rehearsal and a weekly half hour private lesson given by Ronald Martin. For those that own their own steel drums (or have access to their own steel drums) they may join the band at a cost of \$100.00 a month for which they will receive the weekly rehearsals/private lessons.
3. During months when a recognized federal/religious holiday (July 4, Christmas ect..) falls on a Saturday rehearsal for that day may be cancelled with no partial refund in the monthly fee. However, should Ronald Martin have to cancel a full band rehearsal or private lesson and cannot make the time up on another day he will issue a partial fee refund for that month or deduct that same amount from the next month's membership fee. Partial refunds will follow the following Schedule: \$10.00 for every rehearsal or private lesson cancelled by Ronald Martin. For example, if Ronald Martin cancels one rehearsal or private lesson in a given month and cannot make it up he will issue a \$10.00 refund to all who did not receive the expected service. However, if the student cannot attend the rehearsal for whatever reason, no refund will be given. If a student or Ronald Martin must cancel a private lesson Ronald Martin will agree to conduct it at another mutually agreeable time. If it is the student who cancels the private lesson it is their responsibility to contact Ronald Martin to reschedule it.

4. Ronald Martin reserves the right to cancel 2 full band rehearsals a year for whatever reason, without issuing the partial refund described above.
5. Yearly music/retuning fees of \$150.00 will be due at the first rehearsal in September of every year. If a student is joining the band at any time other than the first Saturday in September of any given year that student is expected to pay the full yearly music/tuning fee of \$150.00 at the time they join the band. If a student cannot satisfy that obligation at that time Ronald Martin will deny membership in the band and all of its benefits (instrument access, rehearsals and private lessons.) Should this happen, a person may rejoin the band (at Ronald Martin's discretion), once the debt is satisfied. For those members of the band who own their own steel drums, they will only pay a yearly music fee of \$50.00 due at the same time. If the student who only must pay the music fee cannot satisfy the obligation at the said time, they will be denied membership to the band until the debt is satisfied.
6. The undersigned acknowledges that they have received the following type of steel drum(s) (circle one) Tenor, Double Tenors, Double Seconds or Cello, serial number _____, valued at _____ dollars. In addition to that they have also received a case/cases valued at _____ dollars, mallets valued at _____ dollars and a steel drum stand/stands valued at _____. The undersigned acknowledges that they have received these items in good condition.
7. The undersigned fully agrees to all of the terms and conditions that membership in the NOTSDB requires, as described above. If the person joining the NOTSDB is under the age of 18, a legal guardian must sign on their behalf. Once this contract is signed it will be considered binding until September 4, 2010. Whether the undersigned is the band member or not, they agree take full financial responsibility for the terms of this contract.
8. Membership in the NOTSDB can be terminated at any time prior to September 4, 2010 at no cost simply by returning the steel drum(s), stand(s) mallets and case(s) to Ronald Martin. Until all of those items listed are returned the undersigned is still considered a member of NOTSDB and is bound by the terms of this contract. Should any repair or replacement costs be deemed necessary by Ronald Martin at the time the items are returned, the undersigned is required to satisfy those costs. Ronald Martin will be the sole arbiter of whether any repair/replacement is necessary.

Signature of band member or legal guardian

Date