



**ASPEN MUSIC  
FESTIVAL  
AND SCHOOL**

# HIRE A MUSICIAN

CLIENT FAQ

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# BOOKING AN EVENT

Hire A Musician is intended for private events requesting background music. Booking requests for Hire A Musician should be received at least one week in advance, otherwise, we are unable to guarantee that musicians will be available. All bookings and payment will be handled by the Hire a Musician office.

If you are a community partner, local entity, and/or business looking to inquire about a recurring series with our musicians, please reach out to us directly at [hireamusician@aspenmusic.org](mailto:hireamusician@aspenmusic.org).

**To book AMFS Musician(s), please complete the event inquiry form below:**

## [HIRE A MUSICIAN EVENT INQUIRY FORM](#)

Upon receiving this information, event details and requests will be entered into the Hire A Musician database. When AMFS has confirmed that an ensemble is available, you will be put in contact with the ensemble leader to discuss further details.

Assigning musicians earlier than a week in advance is usually not possible, as the AMFS student schedules are processed weekly. Prior to the musician matching, please communicate any changes to your event, extension of hours, and/or additional requests to the Hire A Musician office.

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# MUSICIAN OVERVIEW

Students attending the Aspen Music Festival and School have passed some of the most exclusive acceptance criteria in the world and are experts in their field. Students form ensembles while at the AMFS, of the highest quality. Due to the group formation process, it is not often possible to provide a demo or video example of a specific group.



## AFTER BOOKING

Once booked and put in contact with the musicians for your event, please confirm event details and contact information directly with the ensemble leader and the Hire A Musician Office as well as any changes that arise before the event. It is pertinent that we are kept up to date with any changes after booking in order to ensure that the musicians' schedules still align and that they are available.

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# HOURLY RATE

\$210 per musician, per hour. One-hour minimum. \*

Event times are rounded up to the nearest half hour.

A 50% deposit is required once booking is confirmed.

Examples:

- One musician for 1.5 hours would total \$315
- One musician for 1 hour 35+ min would be rounded to 2 hours totaling \$420

*\*Due to logistical concerns, harpists are \$240 per musician per hour.*

AMFS is pleased to support other local non-profits by offering a reduced rate. Contact [hireamusician@aspenmusic.org](mailto:hireamusician@aspenmusic.org) for details.

For last-minute bookings (less than 48 hours in advance), there will be an additional \$300 fee added to the final invoice, pending musicians are available.

# OVERTIME

Additional hours can be requested during your event. Overtime will not occur unless the musicians agree, and the client requests and signs to the additional cost before overtime begins.

NOTE: Do not pay the musicians directly for overtime as the additional \$210 per person/per hour of overtime will be reflected in the final invoice based on the booking form signed by the client at the event. You will receive an email confirmation before being billed for any additional hours.

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# TIPPING POLICY

Though you do not pay the musicians directly for your event, you are free to tip the musicians directly or add a tip to your final invoice through our office. To add gratuity to your final invoice, contact [hireamusician@aspenmusic.org](mailto:hireamusician@aspenmusic.org). Either payment method will give 100% of your gratuity to our hardworking and talented musicians. A recommended tip is \$30 per musician.

# CANCELLATION

**Within 24 hours of your event:**

Full payment is required

**Within 24-72 hours:**

50% deposit forfeited; No further payment required

**Earlier than 72 hours:**

Deposit reimbursed in full

# MILEAGE FEE

If your event is not easily accessible through the Aspen bus system, or is outside of Aspen, you will need to provide transportation for musicians or pay mileage if musicians have their own transportation. Mileage outside of the bus route in Aspen/Snowmass Village will be assessed from 225 Music School Road to the event destination. Round-trip calculations will be assessed at the current federal rate per mile and will be reflected on your invoice

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# PAYMENT METHODS

Invoices are mailed to the client's provided email address and will appear from "AMFS Hire A Musician." You may choose to pay in full, or pay the required 50% deposit at the time of booking. Full payment is required before the event. You may pay by, check, credit card or bank transfer. Checks may be made payable to: Aspen Music Festival and School, c/o Hire a Musician, 225 Music School Rd, Aspen, CO 81611. Please include invoice number in the memo line.

# LATE FEES

7 days after event date, a \$25/week late fee will be added if payment has not been received. Late fees will continue to accrue weekly until payment is received.

# MUSICIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Prompt, professional communication with client
- Music stand & light (if needed)
- Proper attire
- Signing of Overtime - Booking form by client (if applicable)

# CLIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Sign musician's Overtime Booking form (if applicable) at event- do not pay anything to musicians unless tipping
- Armless chairs
- Space to play out of direct sunlight
- Food (if event goes through a mealtime)
- 5-10-minute break every hour with water available
- Piano (if booking pianist) and/or Amplification (if needed)
- Mileage (if outside Aspen/Snowmass public transit)

# SPECIAL REQUESTS

Special arrangements or requests for specific songs must have appropriate sheet music provided by the client one week prior to the event. If the client does not have the correct music, the client will need to pay a \$100 per hour arranging fee to have music arranged by the AMFS musician for their instrument or ensemble.

*The AMFS Hire A Musician office is now accepting bookings for the 2026 summer season:*

July 1 - August 23, 2026

# CONTACT



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