

metsoperth.org/mf-items/2024/double-bass

The double bass is the lowest voice in many ensembles. It is a very versatile instrument, needed in just about every type of ensemble: orchestral, jazz, rock, pop, bluegrass, and more. Many double bass players easily cross-over to also play bass guitar.

Although these features make the double bass a desirable instrument to learn, the cost of hiring or buying a bass is greater than for other string instruments, making it prohibitive for many students.

We are pleased to offer a Double Bass Scholarship. The Scholarship will cover

- Free loan of our instrument for 12 months
- MetSO ensemble fees for 12 months

Applications are open to anyone in the community regardless of prior musical experience.

The successful applicant will be expected to commit to the following:

Participating in a MetSO ensemble for 12 months (fees covered by the Scholarship). This ensemble participation can be any combination of MetSO / MISO / Avanti or MetSO Chamber Ensembles, depending on the student's level of ability. A minimum of 80% attendance across each term will be required to maintain the Scholarship (longer periods of absence may be negotiated with approval by the Scholarship Panel if necessitated).

Practicalities:

The successful applicant must take reasonable steps to ensure the safety and security of the instrument. The applicant will be responsible for any wilful damage to the instrument (including the bow and case) either through their own direct action or neglect. This includes payment for any repairs that may be required or the purchase of a new instrument if the damage is significant.

Scholarship applicants will need to submit a short Personal Statement addressing the following:

- - Music experience and current instrument (if any)
- - Current studies
- - What benefits you see to learning music and participating in community music

Applications will close on Friday 5th April 2024.

The successful applicant will be notified by Monday 15th April.

Applications will be assessed by the panel using criteria which will include but may not be limited to the following: need, commitment to personal musical development and current musical ability.

Please email your applications to:

president@metsoperth.org

Please include your name and contact details and include your parent/guardian's name and contact details if you are under the age of 18.