



# New Tyneside Orchestra

## Expectations of Members

**Please inform your section leader as soon as possible if you are unable to play in a concert.**

### **Rehearsal attendance:**

You are expected to attend as many rehearsals as possible. Section leaders can recommend that a member does not play in a concert if they judge that they have not attended sufficient rehearsals to prepare properly for the concert.

If you know in advance you will be absent from a rehearsal, please inform your section leader as soon as possible.

For short notice absences, e.g. due to illness, please inform your section leader by phone/text as soon as you know there is a problem.

If you know in advance you will be absent from or late arriving at a rehearsal, ensure that you give your music to your desk partner/ section colleagues, so it is available to use in the rehearsal.

### **Orchestra Subscription**

Pay your subscription on time – the NTO has to pay for rehearsal and concert venues and cover the cost of music hire. We are unable to do this if members are late paying subs.

### **Orchestra Musical Parts**

Look after your music. Sign the sheets provided by the librarian. Players will be charged the cost of replacing any lost or damaged music.

Return music to your section leader promptly after the concert. Please do not leave it on your chair.

### **Rehearsal discipline**

Be ready to start on time.

Refrain from unnecessary talking/ mobile phone use during the rehearsal.

Respect other players in the orchestra – the NTO follows a policy of inclusivity and every player is important to the whole group. Negative behaviour will not be tolerated.

### **Concert etiquette**

Arrive in good time for the concert – arriving late causes stress not just for you but also your colleagues.

The concert dress code is smart all black.