

Memorandum of Cooperation

between

Jan Deyl Conservatory and Secondary School for the Visually Impaired Students, contributory organisation

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and

Czech Blind United, a registered association

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In Prague, 1 February 2022

1. The purpose of this Memorandum is to establish and deepen the cooperation between the Jan Deyl Conservatory and Secondary School ("KJD") and the Czech Blind United, a registered association ("SONS"), for the benefit of music education for people with visual impairments.
2. KJD, as a unique institution with a long-standing tradition of music education for the visually impaired, and SONS, as an organization working for the interests of the visually impaired and blind, are jointly aware of the importance and significance of quality music education, the availability of which is even more important for the visually impaired community than for the sighted population.
3. Teaching in elementary art schools, tuning and maintaining pianos, performing and composing musical works have become a life profession for many visually impaired musicians and piano tuners in the Czech Republic, in which they have found lifelong dignity and equality with the general population; therefore the common interest of KJD and SONS is obvious.
4. The SONS and KJD declare with this memorandum that they will cooperate in identifying of potential talented candidates for music education, during their studies at KJD and in supporting them in their professional life through the following activities:
 - Cooperation and support in identifying visually impaired candidates for music education
 - Organising concerts where artists with and without visual impairments will perform side by side
 - Organising national and international composition and performance competitions
 - Promoting the importance of music education in the lives of visually impaired people
 - Emphasising the necessity to know the Braille and music notation not only for visually impaired musicians but also for the educators who teach them

This Memorandum of Cooperation is signed by:

In Prague on

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Mgr. Stanislava Lustyková

Director of KJD, contributory organisation

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Mgr. Luboš Zajíc

President of SONS ČR, registered association