

Arco Iris - hiring/lending instruments

Preamble

Arco Iris holds a significant stock of equipment; indeed, it is the Band's major asset. Although a few players own and use their own instruments, the great majority rely on the Band to provide appropriate instruments in good, playable condition, for practices and performances.

The maintenance of this stock in usable condition requires an investment of both money and time. Instruments and accessories (straps, sticks and the rest) are expensive to repair and replace. These costs are met by the Band's income (made up from annual membership fees, weekly subs and performance fees) so that every player contributes in some way to the provision of equipment.

It is appropriate, then, that this equipment should be for the exclusive use of band members and should not be lent to, hired or used by others. In this way, we can ensure that:

- instruments do not go astray;
- instruments can be checked regularly;
- instruments are available when needed;
- distinctively painted Arco instruments are not seen and recognised at events with which the Band has no connection.

Policy

Paid-up members may borrow instruments between rehearsals for their own private practice or to enable them to take part in relevant workshops or classes. Instruments must be signed out, returned for use by the Band on the subsequent Wednesday evening and signed back in.