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New Grant for musicians with disabilities launched

- The Musicians Benevolent Fund has launched a new grant giving scheme, Phoenix Grants for Musicians with Disabilities.
- The Grants provide essential funding to music students and professional musicians living with long term disability.
- The scheme is now open to applications from individuals across the UK.

Launched in January 2010, Phoenix Grants for Musicians with Disabilities is a new grant giving scheme administered by the Musicians Benevolent Fund. The Grants will provide essential funding to music students and professional musicians living with long term disability.

The Grant can be used towards adapting musical instruments and purchasing instrumental or compositional accessories such as specialised instrument cases, computer software and Braille facilities. The funding can also be used to pay for additional private lessons, when necessary due to the disability, and for assisting with essential expenses in relation to study or performance, including the provision of wheelchairs or travel expenses.

Applications are welcome from individuals across the UK. For more information about Phoenix Grants for Musicians with Disabilities and how to apply visit www.mbf.org.uk/phoenixgrants, email phoenixgroup@mbf.org.uk, or call **020 7239 9100** and ask to speak to a member of the Phoenix Team.

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Notes to Editors:

The Musicians Benevolent Fund is a unique charity which provides essential help to musicians of all ages. The Fund supports music professionals throughout their working lives when a crisis such as an accident or illness can have a devastating impact and in later life, with the challenges that face older people. The Fund also recognises that the life of a professional musician has to begin early and supports talented young people to enable them to fully develop their creativity and musical potential.

Please note, the Musicians Benevolent Fund is no longer using the acronym 'MBF' and should be referred to as 'the Musicians Benevolent Fund' or 'the Fund' thereafter.

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