#### INFORMED CONSENT FOR IN-PERSON LESSONS DURING COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person to person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments have recommended social distancing. GnG Music Instruction has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, GnG Music Instruction cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19 or any infection that may result from being in close contact with others.

By signing this consent form, I, \_\_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and other viral and bacterial infections that can arise from interaction during your lessons and interactions with GnG Music Instruction and its staff. I voluntarily take sole responsibility for any injury to myself and/or registered student if not myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense of any kind that I may experience or incurred in connection to being serviced at GnG Music Instruction.

I verify that I have not traveled outside the United States in the past 14 days to countries that have been affected by COVID-19/any infections. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

I confirm that I am not presenting any of the following symptoms of COVID-19 which are fever, shortness of breath, loss of sense of taste or smell, dry cough, runny nose, or sore throat. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

I have never contracted COVID-19, have not been around anyone who is exhibiting these symptoms within the last 14 days and am not living with anyone who is sick or quarantined. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

I certify that there are no health-related reasons or problems, which preclude my participation in this service. If so, I will notify the administrators of GnG Music Instruction. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

In consideration of my application and permitting me to participate in this service, I hereby take action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next to kin, successors, student(s) registered with GnG Music Instruction in my name, and assigns as follows:

- (A)I WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE from any and all liability including but not limited to, liability arising from negligence or fault of the entities or persons released, for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property left, or actions of any kind which may hereafter occur to me.
- (B)INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE the entities or person mentioned in this paragraph from any and all liabilities or claims made as a result of participation in this activity, whether caused by negligence of release or otherwise.

I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless to GnG Music Instruction, its staff, clients, and representatives, of and from the claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expense of any kind arising out of or relating thereto.

I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of GnG Music Instruction, its staff, clients, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection or any infection occurs before, during, or after the participation with GnG Music Instruction.

# **Decision to Meet Face-to-Face**

We have agreed to meet in person for some or all future sessions. If there is a resurgence of the pandemic or if other health concerns arise, however, we may not be able to meet in-person. If you have concerns about meeting virtually, we will talk about it first and try to address any issues. You understand that, if we believe it is necessary, we may determine that we return to virtual lessons for everyone's well-being.

## **Risks of Opting for In-Person Services**

- 1. You understand that by coming to our studio location, you are assuming the risk of exposure to the coronavirus (or other public health risk).
- 2. You agree to abide by the guidelines made available by the Governor's Office and Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation and understand that these guidelines are subject to change and that you are responsible for staying up to date with these guidelines.

## Your Responsibility to Minimize Your Exposure

To obtain services in person, you agree to take certain precautions which will help keep everyone (you, me, and our families, instructors, and other clients) safer from exposure, sickness and possible death. If you do not adhere to these safeguards, it may result in our starting / returning to a virtual lesson arrangement. By signing this document, you indicate that you understand and agree to these actions:

- You will only keep your in-person appointment if you are symptom free.
- You will take your temperature before coming to each appointment. If it is elevated (100 Fahrenheit or more), or if you have other symptoms of the coronavirus, you agree to cancel the appointment or proceed via virtual lesson.
- All who accompany the student to their lesson will wait outside.
- You agree to wear a mask in all areas of the building.
- You will wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when you enter the building.
- You will adhere to the safe distancing precautions we have set up in the studio.
- You will keep a distance of 6 feet and there will be no physical contact (e.g. no shaking hands) with me [or staff].
- If you are bringing your child, you will make sure that your child follows all of these sanitation and distancing protocols.
- You will take steps between appointments to minimize your exposure to COVID-19.
- If you have a job that exposes you to other people who are infected, you will immediately let Courtney Feick or Greg Gould know.
- If your commute or other responsibilities or activities put you in close contact with others (beyond your family), you will let Courtney Feick or Greg Gould know.
- If a resident of your home tests positive for the infection, you will immediately let Courtney Feick or Greg Gould know and we will then [begin] resume lessons virtually.

GnG Music Instructor and its administrators may change the above precautions if additional local, state or federal orders or guidelines are published. If that happens, we will notify you about any necessary changes.

#### **GnG's Commitment to Minimize Exposure**

The staff at GnG Music Instruction has taken steps to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus within the studio. Please let me know if you have questions about these efforts.

# If You or I Are Sick

You understand that GnG Music Instruction and its staff are committed to keeping you, me, [my staff] and all of our families safe from the spread of this virus. If you show up for an appointment and I [or staff] believe that you have a fever or other symptoms, or believe you have been exposed, we will have to require you to leave the studio immediately. We can follow up with services virtually as appropriate.

## Informed Consent

This agreement supplements the general informed consent/business agreement that we agreed to at the start of our work together. I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Your signature below shows that you agree to these terms and conditions.

Client/Guardian of Client

Date

GnG Administrator

Date