



**RIO GRANDE YOUTH ORCHESTRA at UTRGV**  
**RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT FORM**  
Rehearsal times: Sundays 2 to 4:30 pm September through May

**PLEASE PRINT, COMPLETE AND BRING THIS FORM TO THE FIRST REHEARSAL**

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Participant cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION FOR MINOR PARTICIPANTS – Under 18 years of age:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am the above-named participant who is eighteen years of age or older, (or the Parent/Guardian of the above-named participant who is under eighteen years of age), and I am fully competent to sign this Agreement. I have voluntarily applied to participate in (or give my participant permission to engage in) the above Activity. I acknowledge that the nature of the Activity may expose me (or my participant) to hazards or risks that may result in my (or participant's) illness, personal injury or death and I understand and appreciate the nature of such hazards and risks.

\_\_\_\_\_ In consideration of my (or the permission I give my participant in) taking part in the Activity, I hereby accept all risk to my (or my participant's) health and of my (or his/her) injury or death that may result from such participation and I hereby release the above named Institution, its governing board, officers, employees and representatives from any and all liability to me (or participant), my (or participant's) personal representatives, estate, heirs, next of kin, and assigns for any and all claims and causes of action for loss of or damage to my (or participant's) property and for any and all illness or injury to my (or participant's) person, including my (or his/her) death, that may result from or occur during my (or participant's) participation in the Activity, whether caused by negligence of the Institution, its governing board, officers, employees, or representatives, or otherwise. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Institution and its governing board, officers, employees, and representatives from liability for injury or death of any person(s) and damage to property that may result from my (or participant's) negligent or intentional act or omission while participating in the described Activity.

\_\_\_\_\_ I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND IT TO BE A RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND CAUSES OF ACTION FOR PARTICIPANT'S INJURY OR DEATH OR DAMAGE TO PARTICIPANT'S PROPERTY THAT OCCURS WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE DESCRIBED ACTIVITY AND IT OBLIGATES ME TO INDEMNIFY THE PARTIES NAMED FOR ANY LIABILITY FOR INJURY OR DEATH OF ANY PERSON AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY CAUSED BY PARTICIPANT'S NEGLIGENT OR INTENTIONAL ACT OR OMISSION.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ UTRGV Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ UTRGV Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Rio Grande Youth Orchestra Participant Rules

It is a privilege to be a guest on the UTRGV campus and to participate in its youth programs. The Rio Grande Youth Orchestra at UTRGV has adopted a no tolerance policy for participant misbehavior. Any violation to these rules will result in immediate dismissal from the program. The following rules and regulations have been designed with the participant's safety in mind. Participants must follow these rules at all times.

1. Participants are not allowed to leave during the Youth Orchestra rehearsals and events for any reason. *(If it is necessary for a participant to be taken off campus in case of an emergency the parent or guardian must authorize their leave, fill out the appropriate form, and note that the person picking the participant up will have to present proper identification.)*
2. Participants must attend all Youth Orchestra activities. If for any reason you are not able to due to feeling ill, please notify the orchestra director ASAP.
3. Participants are not allowed to use a cell phone during Youth Orchestra rehearsals, concerts or during planned activities. Any disruptive cell phone usage will result in the phone being taken away for the remainder of the activity.
4. Students are not allowed to walk alone on campus. Students needing to get somewhere, they must notify a member of the Youth Orchestra staff to escort them.
5. Each camp participant will be responsible for his/her own valuables. Money, watches, electronics, and jewelry should be properly safeguarded (lockers are not available).
6. Running, playing, throwing, and all other athletic activities are not allowed in the university halls, these must take place outside the buildings.
7. Participants must wear appropriate clothing during all Youth Orchestra rehearsals and planned activities. University buildings are public areas, all persons on campus must wear shoes and be appropriately clothed.
8. The following are strictly prohibited on campus at all times: fireworks or explosives of any kind, firearms or munitions, pets, illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, as well as any other items that could cause bodily harm or damage. Smoking is also not allowed anywhere on campus. All types of fire, incense, or candles are also prohibited.
9. All Youth Orchestra participants are expected to respect the rights and property of others. Disturbing behavior will not be allowed.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to follow the rules as outlined above, and understand that failure to comply with rules can result in my dismissal from the Rio Grande Youth Orchestra at UTRGV.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Measures to Protect K-12 Participants in Campus Programs Parent Acknowledgement

The Rio Grande Youth Orchestra at UTRGV strictly follows the guidelines below to ensure participants are not subject to sexual abuse while at camp. Parents support these efforts by reporting any exceptions to Daniela Venegas, UTRGV Youth Program Support Manager, email [daniela.venegas@utrgv.edu](mailto:daniela.venegas@utrgv.edu).

1. Youth Orchestra staff will limit physical contact with camp participants:  
*They are not to wrestle with them, tickle them, have them sit on their laps, give them hugs (except occasional shoulder to shoulder hugs), etc.*
2. One-on-one interaction will be limited:  
*There will be Youth Orchestra staff in activities with participants at all times. No personalized special attention such as giving gifts or personalized communication such as to participant cell phone or social media accounts is acceptable.*
3. Contact between Youth Orchestra staff/volunteers and youth:  
*Is restricted to organization-sanctioned activities and times. Youth Orchestra staff/volunteers should not contact youth outside of camp activities or camp specific needs.*
4. Wear appropriate attire:  
*Youth Orchestra staff will at all times be dressed modestly. Participants should too.*
5. Respect privacy:  
*Youth Orchestra staff must respect the privacy of camp participants in situations such as changing clothes. Only in emergencies should an adult enter an area where children are unclothed.*
6. Youth Orchestra staff/volunteers should model appropriate interpersonal behavior:  
*They will use discretion in what personal or private experiences they share with a child, and will never discuss or ask children questions about sexual experiences.*

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Signature of Participant

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date



## Rio Grande Youth Orchestra at UTRGV Leave Authorization List

Rio Grande Youth Orchestra at UTRGV participants are not allowed to leave campus with anyone if not previously authorized by their parent(s) or legal guardian. In order to assure the safety of your son/daughter, please provide us with a list of names that you (Parent or Legal Guardian) approve to pick up your son/daughter in case of an emergency and only if, you are not able to pick up your son/daughter yourself.

Below please indicate if the participant will be driving him/herself to UTRGV campus for Youth Orchestra rehearsals, concerts and activities. Participants driving themselves to campus may not offer rides to other participants without prior written authorization.

Authorized Person's Name	Relation	Address	Phone

- My son/daughter will be driving him/herself to UTRGV campus
- I or someone else authorized will be driving my son/daughter to UTRGV campus  
*(please indicate name of any authorized individuals in the box above)*
- My son/daughter has my permission to share a ride to UTRGV campus with another participant  
*(please indicate name of the participant driving in the box above)*

Government-issued picture ID's or parent pickup signed authorization will be required to pick up participants.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as the Parent/Legal Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize the Rio Grande Youth Orchestra at UTRGV staff to release my son/daughter to the above listed individuals and discharge the UTRGV youth program staff from any liability that may arise by them releasing my son/daughter to them. I fully understand that once my son/daughter is released to any of the above authorized person/s, it will be their responsibility and not the program's to ensure their safety and well-being.

*\*Note: If you have special concerns or circumstances about picking up your child you may discuss them with the orchestra director.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Release of Participant Information, Pictures, & Video

### CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

The personal information that you provide UTRGV will be maintained within the UTRGV School of Music. This information is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

### AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHS

I, (parent/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_, authorize UTRGV to use video and/or photographs of my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_. I understand that these photographs and/or video will be utilized for promotional, recruitment, and informational purposes in the form of social media, newsletter, newspaper, pamphlet, brochure, scrapbook, commercials, news, documentary, promotional video, and/or any other media platform that will require his/her image.

- Yes, I **do** agree with the conditions stated above.
- No, I **do not** agree with the conditions stated above.

### PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE FOR ABOVE STATEMENTS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date