

Sun Life Financial
**MUSICAL
INSTRUMENT
LENDING
PROGRAM**
at Montréal libraries



USER GUIDE

Here are a few simple precautions to take with the musical instrument you have borrowed:

- Don't leave the instrument unattended.
- Wash your hands before playing the instrument.
- Always transport the instrument in the accompanying case/bag.
- When you are not playing the instrument, store it in its case/bag and keep it in a cool, dry place.
- During the winter and other cold weather, let the instrument warm up a bit before playing it.
- Don't clean the instrument; don't put any soap or cleaners (nor any water) on the instrument.
- Avoid exposing the instrument to direct sunlight, high temperatures or high humidity.
- If the instrument is used by a child, it is the borrower's responsibility to make sure that the recommendations in the User Guide are followed at all times.

TIPS FOR HANDLING INSTRUMENTS



STRING INSTRUMENTS

Banjoes, guitars, acoustic basses, mandolins, ukuleles and violins: Don't pick up the instrument by the chords. Use a clean, soft, dry cloth to wipe down the instrument before and after you play it.



PERCUSSION

Bongos, cajons, djembes and dumbeks: Never use sticks to play these hand drums, as you may damage the drum and the drumskin. These instruments were designed to be played using your hands. Don't put your weight on top of the drums.



KEYBOARDS (DIGITAL PIANOS)

Only use the power cord provided with the instrument. Use a clean, soft, dry cloth to wipe the keys of the instrument after you play it.



XYLOPHONE

Use the accompanying mallets to play the xylophone.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE OF INSTRUMENTS

When the instruments are returned to the library, they are all inspected and cleaned by a professional. Such regular maintenance will help keep the musical instruments in good condition for a long time to come.

ONLINE RESSOURCES

More information may be obtained at bibliomontreal.com/musique, where you will find a number of online resources to tune your instrument and learn how to play it as well as additional helpful information!