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The Southeast's Double Bass Specialists

Lessor: Bass Violin Shop (BVS) **Lessee (Renter):** _____ **Date:** _____

Leased Property: See listing on p. 2 of this contract for a complete description.

Congratulations and thank you for coming to the Bass Violin Shop for your rental bass!

1. Our rental bass outfit comes to you in good working order, and as renter, we expect you to be responsible for its care. Any damage exceeding normal wear and tear, such as cracks in the instrument, large chips out of the edges, open seams, missing parts or broken bridges or strings, may incur a charge to repair. Bows damaged by over-tightening or excessive rosin may also incur repair charges. Covers should be kept free of animal hair and melted rosin. Additional instructions for care are described on p 2 of this contract. If any damage is not repairable, or the cost of the repair exceeds the outfit price, the renter is financially responsible for replacing the items.
2. Renter agrees to notify us **as soon as possible** of any damages that make the bass unplayable: such as fallen bridges, broken necks, broken strings, or separating parts. **The Bass Violin Shop must perform or authorize all repairs.**
3. **During the rental period, you agree to notify the BVS if your address, phone number or email address changes (please see item 4 regarding credit cards and administrative fees).**
4. **Rent payments are due on the 15th of the month. You will be charged a \$15 administrative fee if your payment is late or your credit card information is not kept up to date,** to cover the extra work and additional bank costs needed to collect rent. This includes credit card payments declined due to out of date billing information or fraud. A \$35 bank fee will be charged for any check returned for insufficient funds. **None of these fees may be applied towards purchase.**
5. **1/2 & 3/4 rentals: Beginning with your 5th month's payment, you bass rent accrues credit which may be used towards purchase, within these limits:** 1) cannot be used for consignment bass purchases; 2) may be reduced if the rented outfit is not returned in the same good working condition as when it went out (see item 1 & 2 above); 3) cannot be used to pay for damaged, lost or stolen rental items; 4) does not include bow or stand payments; 5) cannot be used past 60 days of return of the rental bass; 6) Must use one of the following options:
 - **Option 1:** Use 75% of your bass rent payments to purchase any BVS-owned bass, not to exceed 60% of the value of the purchased bass and not to be used past the 40th month of rent.
 - **Option 2:** Once your bass rent payments total \$2405 (between the 40th and 48th month of rental; excl sales tax, & limitations above), keep your rental bass, as it will be paid for in full at that time.
 - **Option 3:** You may buy out your contract and purchase your rental bass at any time prior to your final month of rental; total amount will be the same.
 - **Option 4:** If, after the 40th month of rent, you want more time before making a purchase decision, you may continue renting at a reduced rate (\$45), however your lower payments will no longer apply to rental credit. As long as you are making \$45 monthly payments, you may retain your rent credit.
6. If a returned outfit is not in our possession by the 14th of the month, you must pay the entire next period's rent. **No refunds** will be given if you elect to return the outfit before the 15th.
7. If you are having difficulty meeting your contractual obligations, please call or email **before** your rent is due. **Notification on or after the 15th of the month may result in administrative fees.**

By signing below, I agree to these terms and accept responsibility for all products I take from the BVS on rent and any rents or fees I may generate in connection with this rental, including charges associated with repairs. I agree that in the event of irreparable damage to, theft of, loss of, or non-return of the rental instrument, or of my non-payment and default of the contract, the BVS may charge the full replacement value of the rental outfit and outstanding balance of all fees due to any of my credit or debit card(s) on file, in addition to costs incurred for the recovery of these items. If my card is declined, I will make alternate arrangements to pay the BVS what I owe. The BVS can pursue any avenues available for recovery of the items and outstanding monies owed, including criminal and/or civil legal action. In the event of default, I expressly give the BVS my permission to pick up the instrument from the school or instructor where instrument classes are taken. I understand that the BVS reserves the right to terminate this agreement at any time.

 Renter's Signature and Name Printed

 Date

Care & Maintenance of Bass Violin Shop (BVS) Outfit and Outfit Details

1. Bass:

1. I will not leave my bass in direct sunlight or in any extremely hot or cold environment, for example, in a car or the back of pickup truck.
2. I will use a soft cloth to regularly wipe the rosin off my bass and bow.
3. I will set the bass down on its side or back (if in cover), and never on its front.
4. I will not lean my bass against a wall.
5. I will notify the BVS immediately of any breakage or other damage to my bass outfit and NOT attempt to make any repairs myself, or anywhere other than the BVS.

2. Bow:

1. I will not over-tighten my bow, as over-tightening stretches the hair and can pull the hair out, stress the stick, and break the frog. ♪
2. I will loosen the bow each time I am finished playing. ♪
3. I will avoid using excessive rosin on my bow. ♪

3. Cover:

1. I will not allow any animals to get inside or on the bass cover. ♪♪
2. I will not zip the cover over the endpin. ♪♪
3. I will not leave open rosin in bass cover pockets. ♪♪

♪To avoid over-tightening: the bow should be tightened just enough that the hair does not touch the bow stick when playing hard (forte). Start by tightening 3-4 turns... if the hair still touches the stick when playing forte, tighten 1-2 turns at a time until the hair no longer touches the stick. Be sure to loosen it when you're done.

♪♪If, upon return, my cover has animal damage (hair, urine, etc.), melted rosin in or on it, or damaged zipper, I will pay a repair fee, or the cost to replace the cover, as necessary. Likewise, if my bow or cover or stand has been chewed or otherwise damaged, I am responsible for replacement.

Player's Signature, Printed Name, Date:

Co-signer (Lessee) Signature, Printed Name, Date:

Bass Outfit Details:

Item	Serial/ID#	Size	Description	New/Used	Replace Val.
Bass					
Strings		-----			
Cover		-----			
Bow	French German				
Stand		-----			
Total Cost, not including tax:					

Changes / BVS Notes:
