

Brief Guide on How to Commission a Composer

Overview of the Commissioning Project:

- determine aspects of the composition
- decide on collaborative elements
- consider your budget/funding
- research, then approach composer
- agree on aspects of project, sign contract
- deliver detailed info about ensemble
- check in about progress/questions
- delivery of score, parts (possibly reference recording)
- review of work, edits
- rehearsals, edits
- composer in rehearsal(s)
- premiere performance(s)!

Aspects of Desired Composition:

- instrumentation
- style
- difficulty level
- length, form, movements
- subject matter or occasion (optional)
- solos or featured instrument groups

Elements of Composer Collaboration:

- premiere performance(s) date(s)
- timeline for delivery of score and parts
- rehearsal and premiere composer attendance
- selection of text
- extras: Zoom/Skype calls; composer conducting; masterclass or lecture