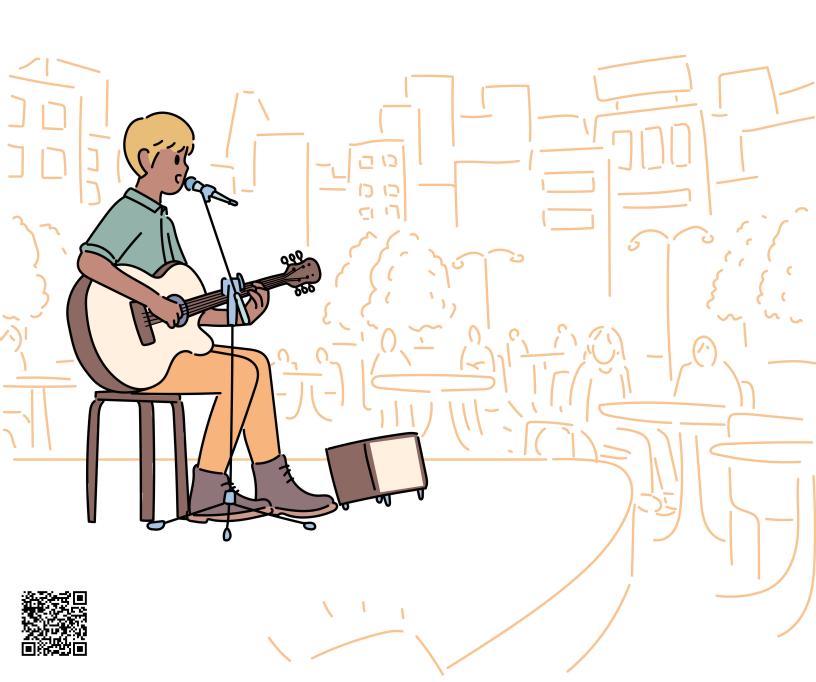
# **Merton Park**

## TALENT COOPERATIVE

### ARTIST WELCOME GUIDE





### Welcome to the Merton Park Talent Cooperative!

We're excited to have you join our free community of musicians and vocalists!

Here's a simple overview of what your membership means, what you can expect, and what we ask from you.

#### What You Get as a Member

- Full Pay, No Commission You keep 100% of your fee for every gig we book you.
- Guaranteed Payment We pay you on time, every time, even if a venue is late paying us.
- Promotion & Growth We promote your gigs to hundreds of new local audiences.
- Social Media Boost We help build your following and professional profile.
- Extra Perks Members who work a minimum number of hours each month can qualify for benefits like health, optical, and prescription coverage, plus access to equipment and interest-free gear loans.
- No cost to join or membership fees!

#### What We Ask from You

- Perform Professionally Arrive on time, prepared, and respectful of venues, staff, and audiences.
- Minimum Gigs To stay active in the Co-op, you'll need to accept and perform a certain number of gigs per year.
- Support Our Promotions Share the marketing content we create for you when possible.
- Take Care of Materials We may provide banners or signage to display at gigs—
  please take care of them. If they're damaged or lost due to negligence, you may
  need to cover the replacement cost.
- Stay Responsive Reply to Merton's emails, texts, calls, or messages promptly so we can keep gigs, promotions, and cooperative activities running smoothly.
- Keep It Positive We all agree not to speak negatively about each other publicly.
- Confidentiality Some things (like client info or business plans) stay private between us.



#### Restrictions

- You're free to take gigs elsewhere but you cannot work directly with active clients we introduce you to, even after your membership ends.
- If there's ever a special project outside the Co-op, we'll create a separate agreement with you.

#### **Term & Ending Membership**

- Your membership continues until you or Merton decide to end it with 30 days written notice.
- If you break the agreement or act unprofessionally, Merton can end your membership immediately.

#### **Legal Stuff**

- You're joining as an independent contractor, not as an employee.
- You handle your own taxes and insurance.
- This agreement is governed by the laws of Ontario, Canada, with disputes handled through arbitration.

#### **Next Steps**

- Sign the Membership Agreement.
- Share your artist info, socials, and availability with us.
- Get ready to perform we'll handle the rest.

We're here to help you grow, thrive, and enjoy a rewarding music career.

Welcome aboard!