

# Soundscapes for Children's



**Children's of Alabama**, strives to provide the finest quality of pediatric care available for every patient we serve. Through the knowledge of medical staff, the work of our administration, as well as the help from volunteers; we all have a moral responsibility to take care of each and every child that walks through our doors. At Children's, we not only see this care as helping to heal "physical" pain; but moreover, we have a responsibility to care for patient's emotional well-being.

Listening to music may be one way in which a patient heals emotionally – and in turn, physically as well. The sound of a beautifully crafted musical piece on instruments such as the piano, violin, or acoustic guitar can have the ability to take a person's mind into a faraway land, providing a distraction from the medical condition challenging them at the moment.

**Soundscapes for Children's** (Soundscapes) is a year-round music program designed to help create a quiet, soothing, and calm atmosphere. With this program, talented local musicians – individuals or small groups – have an opportunity to play soft background music as patients, family members, guests, and Children's of Alabama employees go about their day. Our hope is that this change of ambiance will help patients in their recovery, as well as families in stressful times.

In order to participate, local musicians / small groups must complete an application and submit an audio or video recording of a musical piece. **This is a requirement for consideration.** A Music Committee has been established for Soundscapes and will review all applications.

The information below is to provide an overview for *Soundscapes*. If you have any further questions, please send an email to: [soundscapes@childrensal.org](mailto:soundscapes@childrensal.org). *A signature is required at the bottom of this document to participate.*

## Application Process

*Individuals or small groups who are interested in applying to participate in Soundscapes must complete the following steps:*

- Complete the [online application](#).
- Allow at least two weeks to hear a response from the Soundscapes Committee.
- If chosen to participate, the individual / small group will be notified via email.
- The performer / group must confirm the date / time requested on the application. At that point, the performer(s) is set to play. *In the event that the performer(s) need to change their assigned day and/or time, an email must be sent to the Soundscapes Committee in advance.*

In addition to the above, all applicants will be required to sign off on the [Children's of Alabama Visitor Illness Questionnaire](#) and the [Children's of Alabama Privacy Statement](#) before participating.

### Additional Information & Requirements

- **All participants must be at least 16 years of age or older.** No exceptions.
- **Groups whom would like to come in and perform must not exceed five (5) persons.**  
*Under special circumstances, and with prior approval, a group of more than five (5) total persons may request to come and participate in Soundscapes for Children's. Soundscapes Music Committee must approve any and all request from groups seeking to have more than five (5) persons. The decision will be made on a case by case basis.*
- All performances will be held in the McWane Lobby of Children's, at 1600 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. Performer(s) are asked to park in the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Parking Deck – located directly across the street from the hospital building. When entering the deck, pull a ticket to get in. The information desk staff will validate the ticket so that performer(s) may receive free parking.
- Please check-in at the McWane Information Desk to receive a badge. This "temporary" badge is to be worn during the entire duration of the performance and while on Children's of Alabama property.

### Equipment

We will provide a grand piano. All other instruments will need to be provided by the performer(s). We cannot provide an amplifier, or microphone. Therefore, any performer who needs this must provide that equipment as well.

### Marketing

Soundscapes Music Committee will do our best to inform patients, families, and Children's employees of all performances. Through our *Children's Happenings* weekly email, distribution of flyers, and word of mouth, we will do as much as we can to "get the word" out of upcoming musical performances. Please note however, that Soundscapes has no control over the ability or willingness of any patients, families, guests, or Children's of Alabama staff to come and listen.

### Additional Guidelines

- All performers are **PROHIBITED** to use photography of any kind while participating in Soundscapes for Children's. This includes photos, videos, and audio recordings. Moreover, no individual / group may take pictures / videos of themselves performing. This includes "selfies" of any kind.
- Performers are **PROHIBITED** to post anything regarding the performance on any type of Social Media page without receiving approval from Children's of Alabama first.
- **Effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, ALL performers will be required to have a flu shot prior to participating in Soundscapes.**
- Performers may bring bottled water while performing. However, any other foods, snacks, or drinks are **PROHIBITED** while performing. This is to keep the area clean as well as keep the grand piano safe. There are several places to eat within Children's of Alabama, and performers are encouraged to eat and drink before and/or after performances.
- Performers as asked to please remember to refrain from handing out any material / items to patients, families, and guests. This includes any business cards or self-marketing materials.
- Children's of Alabama will not be responsible for any performer(s) personal items, sheet music, musical equipment, ect. Please remember to take ALL personal items and music equipment upon the completion of the performance.