



LIMUS Musikskola
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Letter to the students and parents in line 2
Change of course fees

To parents of students in our line 2!

Two private dance schools, Wettergrens and Crazy Feet, have had to shut down in Lund since subsidized dance lessons started on Kulturskolan. During 2018 we have continuously informed that Lunds kommun is driving up the rental costs for us, another private school. Like the dance schools, we are not run as a "förening" or "studieförbund" but as a small company without middlemen. LIMUS Musikskola has decided not to shut down. Unfortunately this means new, and higher, course fees.

Background:

For a long time, LIMUS has challenged the monopoly Kulturskolan holds on subsidized student fees. Students at Kulturskolan only pay 10% of the actual costs. At LIMUS, *all* expenses have to be covered by the student fees. On top of that, we are obliged to pay 25% in VAT. During 2017 the long struggle for a music cheque was partly won, when a majority in Kommunstyrelsen voted to introduce it. The cheque is supposed to give all children the same economic conditions for choosing their authorized music school. But the president of the responsible board, Elin Gustavsson (S) argues that subventions are only to be given to students at Kulturskolan. Today, the music cheque is still not instated. The september election resulted in a new rule in Lund, consisting of parties positive to the cheque. The boards will be exchanged in January. The new rule have promised to instate the cheque during 2019.

In February 2018 Lunds kommun started Hedda Andersson Gymnasiet and placed them in the same corridor as LIMUS, even though the pavilions outside are left empty by the previous school ISLK. Simultaneously, Lunds kommun terminated LIMUS contract on Svaneskolan per the 31th of Dec and is now providing Gernandtska lyckan as a replacement.

The facilities at Svaneskolan costs 84 400 kr / year.

The facilities at Gernandtska (owned by LKF) costs 366 000 kr + VAT / year.

With the contract on Svaneskolan, LIMUS is also losing a side agreement concerning Lunds finest grand piano, for use once a year in Stadshallen.

During the year there have been several attempts by LIMUS, parents and politicians to soften the economic blow. Among other things, the parents gathered over 200 signatures in protest to higher fees. See the whole time line on our web site.

The municipal lawyer Jesper Jakobsson at Kommunkontoret argues that LIMUS should be able to pay marketable rent costs and should be treated similarly to any other business, like Tetra Pak. Because of that, subventions have been denied.

Current status:

The 12th of Nov LIMUS once again appeals to Kulturchef Annika Eklund for subventions to students. LIMUS brings attention to our special competence as an international music school with classical orientation. LIMUS also emphasizes our continual teaching as a requirement for many free culture arrangements, just as Anagram has received grants for year-round activity. LIMUS asks for a provisional solution until the music cheque is instated.

Kulturchefen denies everything, referring to the upcoming music cheque. She argues that an *potential* subvention *potentially* could disqualify LIMUS from an *potential* procurement if it *potentially* would be appealed against (See notes from the meeting, approved by AE on our web site).

She can't give any hard facts on how the music cheque will work.

Neither can the politicians of Kommunstyrelsen who LIMUS meets with the same day.

The 15th of Nov Lunds kommun declares in Hyresnämnden, in Lunds District Court, that it is Gernandtska that will be provided and that LIMUS has to accept the new rental costs.

This means that a raise of expenses of 227.500 kr / year has to be covered by new course fees from 2019.

New facilities:

Gernandtska on [Helgeandsgatan 7](#) is a separate building, centrally located with easy access to buses. There is a beautiful large room, suitable for chamber music concerts, and five smaller rooms for music lessons. Lunds kommun will provide the necessary adaptations, the acoustics being one of them. Serviceförvalningen will contribute 100 000 SEK per year for two years. At the time of writing, the administration has not yet completed all contract proposals, but have in the District Court stated that everything will be completed by the end of the year, the move will take place in December and that LIMUS start of the term 2019 will be at Gernandtska. LIMUS will keep the facilities at Bredgatan 25. LIMUS will also keep providing lessons at various schools in Staffanstorp.

The new prices on line 2, Growing with Music (continual courses):

Course 2a) 30 min per week: 4 300 SEK/term

Course 2b) 45 min per week: 5 900 SEK/term

Course 2c) 60 min per week: 6 990 SEK/term

Course 2d) Kompiskurs: 45 min with 2 students who apply together: 3 400 SEK/term/student

Course 2e) KiGa Seniors: 40 min with 2 students max 7 years who apply together: 3 020kr/term/student.

All prices include 25% VAT.

On these courses students receive 13 lessons per term, 2 of which are optional ensemble lessons.

A set week schedule with 2 reserve weeks for missed classes. (See our terms and conditions regarding notification of absence). Free of charge participation in our concerts, active or passive, is included.

Practical matters:

Week schedule and concerts for the spring term can be found on our web site. The lessons on line 2 starts week 3. All teachers keep their schedule and the students keep their lesson times – if nothing else has been agreed on with the teacher.

Invoices for the spring term will be sent around the 6th of Dec. As usual, you can split your fee in 50% before 31th of Dec and 50% before 28th of February without any extra cost.

Course changes and cancellations need to be notified by mail to LIMUS Musikskola, Bredgatan 25, 222 21 Lund or by e-mail to info@lundsmusiksalong.se on 1st of Dec at the latest. Our terms and conditions regarding cancellations appears on the application form and more detailed on our web site.

You do not need to send a new application form.

Contact:

Extra phone hours have been arranged during week 47 (19th to 25th Nov) should you wish to contact us:

Mon – Fri 9 - 11 o'clock: Gabriele 0730-637938

Mon – Fri 11 - 13 o'clock: Fredrik 0702-460371

Tue 18- 20 o'clock: Both Gabriele and Fredrik

If you wish to write to Kommunen/Kommunkontoret, write to jesper.jacobsson@lund.se

Put LIMUS in the subject line and put us as cc.

We apologize for the situation and gather all our forces to give your children the fine and qualified music education that LIMUS is appreciated for, even in the future. See you at the Nikolaus concerts!

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