



# Xander Hough

freelance music services

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## Introduction

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What is Xander Hough Freelance Music Services about? It may sound a fancy name but the reality is that I am a freelance musician providing bespoke and personal services to a variety of professional and non-professional clients. I started working as a freelancer when I saw that there was a gap in the market for a musician who could provide a number of services at reasonable prices under the same roof.

There are many individuals and companies providing the services that I offer, that's true, but none of these can provide services which work seamlessly together for a reasonable price. XHFMS is my way of helping a variety of individuals and organisations with their music needs by offering a service which is personal, friendly, flexible and above all cost effective.

## Global Music Solutions

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What is a global music solution? Well really it's a fancy way of saying "doing everything". There are composers, copyists, orchestrators and performers but seldom do they have the willingness or ability to do more than one of these services on a single project. A client is then faced with the task of having to find complimentary services – a copyist to prepare the instrument parts after a composer, an orchestrator or backing track maker with no guarantee that the next artist will be able to follow on from the first.

In most of my work, my clients require more than one service from me so I have tailored my services to provide a variety of solutions so that clients can pick and chose those which, when working together, provide a complete or "global" solution. Why contract several musicians and suffer all the additional work of getting them to work seamlessly, when you can contract a single person to deliver your project?

# Services and Pricing List

Valid until 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009

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## Orchestration & Arranging

Pieces are quoted based on the length, the type of the source material and the brief of the project. Prices start from £20 per piece. Orchestration is delivered as a manuscript but part printing for musicians or a recording can be added as part of a global solution.

## Composing

Pieces are quoted based on the number of instruments and the brief of the composition. Prices start from £30 per minute. Compositions are delivered as a manuscript but part printing for musicians or a recording can be added as part of a global solution.

## Notation

Pieces are quoted based on the length and the quality of the source material. Notation of handwritten scores begins at £5 per printed music sheet and £10 per sheet of handwritten manuscript. Pieces are submitted as a manuscript. A sibelius file can be provided for a 10% supplement fee. Key changing is charged at an additional £10 per piece. Score proofing is charged at £10 per page of A4.

## Performing

I am flautist specializing in other flute family instruments including piccolo, alto flute, bass flute, recorders and Irish whistles. Performances are charged at £50 per performance, £30 per rehearsal and a 20% doubling fee is applied when multiple instruments are required. Work as a soloist is charged at £100 per performance. A session fee of 20% is added for recordings.

## Virtual Orchestra Work

Highly realistic instrumental recordings can be made and used for such applications as backing tracks, realizations of compositions, soundtracks or click tracks alongside live musicians. Prices start at £20 per piece. Larger project fees can be negotiated.

## Score Preparation

I can produce professional standard printed sheet music and bound instrument parts. A variety of options are available for the materials used such as weighted paper, lightweight card, and laid paper in a variety of colours and finishes. Prices start from £5 per binding. A bound score and instrument parts for a 2 hour musical will cost approximately £150 using standard materials.



## Music Sourcing

If you need a piece of sheet music sourcing I can help find it. A flat fee of £10 is charged per piece or work to find the music. If sheet music is to be delivered (music book etc), then the music will be charged at cost.

## Other Fees

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### Travel

Is charged at cost with a 10% administration fee for arranging travel.

### Work Required After First Draft

Is charged at £15 per hour

### On Site Consultation

When work is required on site a fee of £10 per hour is charged including time needed to travel. When on site work occurs at weekends or work after 1800 hours is charged at £15 per hour. On site consultation fees are not charged on performing.

### Late Payment

Interest is charged at a rate of 10% per month on outstanding balances beyond the due date of the invoice.

## The Process

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1. I discuss the project brief with the client and discuss the kinds of services that are needed.
2. Work is quoted for before work begins. A sample can be provided of part of the project for the relevant.
3. A client formally agrees a quote and the relevant costs. Timescales are agreed for each service.
4. Work begins and a first draft is submitted for each phase of the project.
5. Work continues on the project and a final submission is made.
6. An invoice is raised for payment by the client.