

Partnership Agreement

Between

**Trabzon University
(Turkey)**

And

**Batumi Art Teaching University
(Georgia)**

Trabzon University and Batumi Art Teaching University (herein after individually or collectively referred to as "Partner Institution" or "Partner Institutions") recognise the strength of deep collaboration and academic reciprocity.

For this reason the Partner Institutions propose an agreement as follows:

I. General principles of cooperation:

The Partner Institutions intend to collaborate artistically, pedagogically and in terms of research and practice-based study, to foster mutuality and understanding of each other's professional experience and each other's traditions and distinctiveness. Additionally, the agreement seeks to provide reciprocated assistance in new developments in artistic and pedagogical fields, research and practice-based study.

II. Types of cooperation:

Academic cooperation will be realized as follows:

1. Through exchange-events (concerts, music theatre, academic exercises, rehearsals, workshops, etc.) of the Partner Institution's students under supervision or direction of its representative staff (rector, or director of the Partner Institution, dean, departmental head, professors etc.).
2. Through direct contacts between appropriate departments, institutes and classes of the Partner Institutions with the objective of common artistic, pedagogical and research projects and events.
3. Through professors' contributions to the educational processes and study programmes of the Partner Institution (master classes, workshops, lectures, attendance in symposia/sessions, conferences, board of examiners, competition juries) as well as through invoking any other possibilities and forms of mutual exchange of experience.
4. Through attendance of students in the Partner Institution's programmes, courses, competitions etc. (during the study year or within the scope of summer/holiday classes).
5. Through mutual promotion of each Partner Institution's students and of student exchange.

In practice both Partner Institutions may develop, supplement and specify the above-mentioned forms of cooperation. The selection of participants in exchange events and in common projects is incumbent on the sending Partner Institution. However, selection has to be effected in accordance with the receiving Partner Institution. The receiving Partner Institution will reserve the right to make final judgements on the admissibility of each student nominated by the sending Partner Institution.

III. Conditions of cooperation:

1. All projects and common events which arise within this partnership agreement are to be carried out within the framework of the study and organisation procedures of both Partner Institutions.
2. All projects' and common events' financial *modus operandi* that arise within this agreement will be negotiated apart and stated separately.
3. The Partner Institutions agree to waive charges for tuition on a reciprocal basis to students who participate in a one or two semester exchange according to the partnership agreement. The determination on such tuition waivers shall be made by the Partner Institutions on a case by case basis.

IV. Legal terms:

1. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signing for the period of five (5) years. Thereafter it shall automatically be renewed annually. On the termination of the Memorandum is renewed on the same term and on the same condition if none of the Parties declares its termination. Either institution may terminate the agreement in writing at least three months prior to the beginning of an academic term
2. The Parties have the right to terminate this Agreement by means of a written notice with a three-month notification period.
3. Every modification of this Agreement requires a written form, to be valid.
4. This Agreement has been executed in two identical counterparts, each in Turkish, Georgian and English language, all texts being equally authentic. In case of discrepancies between language versions, the English version shall prevail.
5. The agreement becomes effective on the day of signature by both Partner Institutions. The agreement remains valid until terminated.

Dated this _____ of the _____

Two thousand and nineteen (2019), Trabzon, Turkey


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