**Which Ensemble should I apply for?**

Samyo is for students of Indian Music aged 12-18. If you are an instrumentalist and have been trained in either Hindustani or Carnatic music and meet these criteria, then apply for Samyo

Sabrang is for singers trained in Indian Music aged between 14-25. If you are a singer of either Hindustani or Carnatic music then apply for Sabrang.

**I play more than one instrument/can I learn both? /join more than one ensemble?**

To ensure you get the most out of your training in the ensembles, you must choose your main instrument as the one you want the most training on. If you play more than one instrument/have another musical skill then you will have the opportunity to discuss this at audition and may get opportunities to develop this within the year’s programme of training and rehearsal sessions.

**What are the dates/deadlines?**

To be eligible for membership for 2020/21 Membership you must submit your application form no later than **20th March 2020**

Auditions dates and locations will be communicated with applicants. In cases where we cannot arrange an in-person audition, Skype will be used at a mutually agreed date.

If you have been successful in your audition then you will be formally offered a place in the ensembles by **3rd April 2020.** After which you will have until **10th April** to accept your offer and register for the year’s programme. The deadline for the first fee instalment is **17thth April**

The annual programme for the ensembles, called ‘Music India’ begins with in the Easter Holidays, with a 3 day course, followed by training sessions throughout the year, and includes a residential summer school. Attendance to all sessions is compulsory for members. The dates for 2020/21 are listed below (for Samyo and Sabrang only).

* 17th - 19th April 2020
* 5th July 2020
* 31st July - 7th August 2020 - Music India Summer School, Liverpool
* 19th September 2020
* 24th - 25th October 2020
* 21st November 2020
* 16th January 2021
* 20th February 2021
* 20th March 2021
* 24th April 2021
* 25th April 2021 - Showcase Concert at Queen Elizabeth Hall, Southbank Centre

**How much are the fees? Are bursaries available?**

The annual fee for membership of the ensembles is **£500**, which is payable either up front or in instalments. This covers the all training sessions, the residential summer school, including meals and accommodation the annual showcase concert. The actual cost of this is approximately £1500 per member, but as a charity we are able to subsidise this fee through grant funding and charitable donations to us. If you are struggling to afford this fee, there are a limited number of means tested bursaries available, which can be applied for via the ‘Bursary Application Form’.