

# The Veritas Affiliate: What We're Looking For

# Is the Veritas Instrument Rental Affiliate Program Right for You?

Now that you've become more familiar with the resources and potential of our program, you should consider the time & resources you are willing to invest into its development within your business. While we market ourselves to prospects, like yourself, as offering the most complete & comprehensive rental program in the industry, it is important to understand that it will not operate successfully by itself. Thus, your daily participation in the areas of administration, customer service and market development is required. Here's a brief overview of what we look for in a prospect:

# **Knowledge of Basic Business Practices**

From time to time, affiliates are asked to assist with administrative tasks such as physical inventories, reconciling & resolving discrepancies and customer service. Although our program is well-documented and readily simplified through the use of multi-part forms, operational manuals and proper training, we ask for good recordkeeping, archiving and inventory control skills from our affiliates.

# **Establishing Relationships**

Any successful school music vendor will agree that the school music market is relationship-driven. Local music educators are the gatekeepers to your customers (music students & their parents in need of instruments, related accessories and private instruction). Thus, it's no surprise that our Top Ten producing affiliates have cultivated lasting relationships with the educators. They call on schools, participate in rental meetings, support & sponsor activities and even host educator socials. Prospects not currently engaging music educators would be expected to knock on doors as a Veritas affiliate.

## Communication

The success of any partnership (business or personal) will depend on the frequency and depth of communication (for better or worse) between the parties. Because we're dealing with month-to-month rental agreements and tenacious collections procedures, timely paperwork mailings are required from our affiliates. It is also necessary to contact our staff members on a regular basis for the purposes of requesting additional inventory & marketing assistance as well as mediating customer inquiries.

# **Performance**

Each market is unique and deserves the benefit of a complete analysis before any expectations are outlined. In regard to population, number of programs and competition, for example, it would be unfair to size up Atlanta, Texas as having the same potential as Atlanta, Georgia. Nonetheless, it is necessary to establish a benchmark of performance that makes sense to Veritas and its affiliates. With this in mind, we're looking for prospects who can realistically produce a minimum of 100-150 rentals during the back-to-school season (typically August through October). At this level, our inventory outlay is justified and the affiliate's commissions are worth while.

# Complete and mail to:

Veritas Instrument Rental 3670 131st Ave N Clearwater FL 33762

**Fax to:** 877-272-7203



# **Affiliate Application**

Business Name:				
Business Address:	City:		State:	_ Zip:
County:	Years at Present Loca	ation:	_ Years in Busi	ness:
Business Phone: ( )	Bus	siness Fax: (	)	
Company Website Address: _			Sales Tax R	ate (%):
Business Category(s):	RetailRepair Tec	hLes	sson Studio	Road Rep
Type of Business:	Sole Proprietor	Partnersh	nip	Corporation
If Subsidiary, Name of Parent	Company:			
Currently Renting Instruments	? If yes, what is you	r rental volum	e from Aug-Oct	?
Are you working with another	rental company? If y	es, with whom	າ?	
Please list your (possible) con	npetitors:			
Number of school music progr	ams in your area? E	lementary	Middle	High
Are you currently in contact w	th music educators?	_ If yes, in v	what capacity? _	
	If no, a	are you willing	to initiate conta	nct?
Are music educators hosting r	ental meetings at the school	? If y	es, will you atte	end?
School music market observa	tions:			
How did you hear about us?				
Principals of Business (Please				
Name:		Title:		
Home Address:	City:		State:	_ Zip:
Home Phone: ( )	Email:		SS Number: _	
Please note that by signing th to conduct a business and/or		rizing Veritas	Instrument Ren	al Incorporated
Signature: X			Date: _	



# **New Affiliate Questionnaire**

To be completed and returned with the Affiliate Application. Provide as much information as possible. Attach additional pages, if necessary. If you have any questions or needs, please contact Greg Dollmont at 877-727-2798 Ext 4.

# For Affiliates with a history of instrument rentals:

How many total instruments have you rented in the last 12 months?

Provide a breakdown of instrumentation (how many flutes rented? Trumpets? Clarinets? Etc.)

How many instruments do you still currently own (and will have available for the next rental season)?

How many Veritas-owned instruments do you foresee renting this year?

### For Affiliates new to the school music market:

Are you currently engaging music educators? In what capacity?

Have you informed the local educators of your intent to rent instruments this year?

Are you getting a warm reception? If not, why?

# Regarding the music programs in your area:

What grade level do the band programs begin?

Do these programs include percussion? Snare drums? Bell kits? Snare/Bell combo kits?

Are there any special requests in regard to brand names? Any brands not welcome?

What grade level to the string programs begin?

Are there any special requests in regard to brand names and/or country of origin?

# Regarding marketing, advertising and promotion:

Are you planning regular visits to the schools for service and public relations purposes?

If yes, please outline your schedule and/or plan-of-attack.

Do the educators host parent/rental meetings at the schools? If yes, are you planning to attend?

# Regarding infrastructure:

Do you have access to additional employees for school meetings and/or increased store traffic?

Do you have a personal computer with an internet connection at your store?

Do you have a fax machine at the store? If not are you willing to purchase one for contract approvals?



# **Affiliate Competition Analysis**

To be completed and returned with the Affiliate Application. Be sure to include any print advertising (rental brochures) you may be able to obtain while shopping your competition.

# **Competitor One**

Store Name:		Address:	Phone:
Clarinet Base Rent:	M&R Fee:	Sales Tax:	Total Monthly Charge:
Alto Sax Base Rent:	M&R Fee:	Sales Tax:	Total Monthly Charge:
ntroductory Offer Details (Include total intro payment and breakdown of fees):	total intro payment and bre	akdown of fees):	
Number of Months Applied to Purchase:		Months Applied to Exchanges:	Interest, Cost of Lease Services and/or Other Fees:
3rands Offered:			
Credit Requirements (Circle all that apply):	at apply): Driver License	Social Security Number	Major Credit Card Checking Account Own Home Utility Bill Credit Report
Repairs In-House?	_ Turnaround Time on Repairs?		Loaners Provided? Road Rep Visiting School?
s Replacement Included?	_ If Yes, is there a deductible?		Qualifying Loss (Circle all that apply): Theft Loss Damage Beyond Repair
Notes and Other Info:			
Competitor One			
Store Name:		Address:	Phone:
Clarinet Base Rent:	M&R Fee:	Sales Tax:	Total Monthly Charge:
Alto Sax Base Rent:	M&R Fee:	Sales Tax:	Total Monthly Charge:
ntroductory Offer Details (Include total intro payment and breakdown of fees):	total intro payment and bre	akdown of fees):	
Number of Months Applied to Purchase:		Months Applied to Exchanges:	Interest, Cost of Lease Services and/or Other Fees:
3rands Offered:			
Credit Requirements (Circle all that apply):	at apply): Driver License	Social Security Number	Major Credit Card Checking Account Own Home Utility Bill Credit Report
Repairs In-House?	_ Turnaround Time on Repairs?		Loaners Provided? Road Rep Visiting School?
s Replacement Included?	_ If Yes, is there a deductible?		Qualifying Loss (Circle all that apply): Theft Loss Damage Beyond Repair

Notes and Other Info: