

NHSO Section Violin (3 positions)

Audition Date: Saturday, February 21, 2026 (daytime)

Application Deadline: January 21, 2026. All forms must be received by this time. Late applications may be accepted only if space is available.

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1. Orchestra excerpts from first violin parts (parts will be supplied)

- Beethoven: Sym. No. 9, mvmt. 3, m 99 – 114
- Brahms: Symphony No. 4, mvmt. 2, m. 88-101
- Debussy: La Mer, Reh. 33 – 6 after reh. 38
- Mendelssohn: Midsummer Night's Dream Scherzo: beginning to 7 after Letter D
- Montgomery: Starburst, m. 1-28
- Mozart: Sym. No. 39, 2nd mvmt, beginning to m 27 no repeats
- Schumann: Symphony No. 2, Scherzo mvt. 2, m. 1-54
- R. Strauss: Don Juan, first page

2. Concerto (music not supplied)

- Standard Romantic/20th century concerto - first movement exposition (no cadenza)
- Mozart concerto (3, 4 or 5) first movement exposition (no cadenza)

Section seating is in first or second violin sections as determined by the Music Director and Audition Committee after the auditions are completed.

Audition Information

The NHSO does not provide any travel expense reimbursement for any audition. The NHSO reserves the right not to invite an applicant to the audition they have applied for. Audition invitations may be based on submitted application forms and resume. All rounds are held behind a screen.

Please complete the following items:

1. Completed Audition Application Form
2. Deposit check (refundable) in the amount of \$30 payable to the NHSO
3. Updated resume (including dates of experience).

Send these three items to:

NHSO Audition Committee
4 Hamilton Street
New Haven, CT 06511

The deadline for receiving all materials is January 21, 2026. Forms may also be emailed to: audition@newhavensymphony.org

Your deposit check is refundable and will be returned to you at the audition. Cancellations must be received by noon two days prior to the audition to be refundable. If you do not notify us of cancellation and you do not appear for the audition, then your unclaimed check will be deposited.

Copies of the required music will be sent after December 1st, and as soon as completed application materials are received. The NHSO does not provide any travel expense reimbursement for any audition.

The New Haven Symphony Orchestra, a Regional (per service) Orchestra, is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion; an Equal Opportunity Employer; and a National Alliance for Audition Support member. All audition rounds are held behind a screen. The audition committee of the NHSO reserves the right to immediately dismiss any candidates not meeting the highest professional standards. Qualified musicians may be placed on the substitute/extra list. Auditioning candidates must be eligible to work legally in the U.S. and non-US citizens must show work permission before being invited to audition.

Contract Information

In addition to its eight Classics Series concerts, the NHSO annually produces three Pops programs, Young People's concerts, outdoor concerts in the summer, and other special concerts and educational services. Rehearsals are usually held on consecutive weekday evenings (and some weekends) in the day(s) immediately prior to the performance day.

The pay for the 2025-2026 season is \$142.00 for section positions. These positions are offered for the remainder of the 2025-2026 season beginning March, 2026. Since they are offered after the start of the season, the guaranteed services and required minimums only take effect beginning on July 1, 2026 for the 2026-2027 season. Contracted members are required to play a minimum number of series per season depending on the number of series offered. The NHSO is a part-time per service orchestra, offering on average 35-50 services per season. In addition, there is a travel pay allowance for players living more than 15 miles from New Haven (maximum of \$40 per day).

The substitute list may be updated with results from any audition. To perform with the New Haven Symphony Orchestra, you need to be a member in good standing with your local musicians' union (A. F. of M.). If you are offered more than 6 services within a season you must join local 400, even if you are a member of another local.

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