

RSNO Associate Principal (No.2) Double Bass

Audition Requirements - March 2026

- 1st Round Repertoire:
 - 1st Movement (with cadenza) from a Classical concerto
 - Selected orchestra excerpts
- 2nd Round Repertoire:
 - A movement from any contrasting Romantic/20th Century Concerto
 - Orchestral excerpts
 - Sight-reading from the orchestral repertoire
 - Duet with Section Principal

*Standard Orchestral Tuning required

*Extensions/5-string basses required for trial stages

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Excerpt 1A: L. van BEETHOVEN – Symphony No.5 in C Minor, Op.67
3rd movement, 1-18, 44-100

Allegro **poco ritardando a tempo**

pp

13 **un poco ritard. a tempo** **1** *sf* **f**

25

38 *sf sf sf sf* **dimin. pp**

poco ritard. a tempo

51 *pp*

63 *cresc.* **f**

74

89 **A** *sf sf sf sf* **dimin. pp**

The musical score is written in bass clef with a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of three flats (C minor). It consists of six staves of music. The first staff (measures 1-18) begins with a tempo marking of 'Allegro' and a dynamic of 'pp'. It includes a 'poco ritardando a tempo' marking. The second staff (measures 13-18) starts with a measure rest, followed by a '1' marking, and includes 'un poco ritard. a tempo', 'sf', and 'f' markings. The third staff (measures 25-38) contains four 'sf' markings and a 'dimin. pp' marking. The fourth staff (measures 38-51) includes a 'poco ritard. a tempo' marking and a 'pp' marking. The fifth staff (measures 51-63) features a 'cresc.' marking and a 'f' marking. The sixth staff (measures 63-89) includes a 'sf' marking and a 'dimin. pp' marking. The score is divided into two sections by a large bracket at the end of the sixth staff, with a section marker 'A' above the final measure.

Excerpt 1B: L. van BEETHOVEN – Symphony No.5 in C Minor, Op.67
3rd movement, 141-213

131 *ff* *p* *f*

141

150

159 1. 2. *f*

166

175 1-6 2 3 4

186 5 6

195 **B** *f* *dimin.* *p*

203 *sempre più piano*

211

Excerpt 2A: R. STRAUSS – *Ein Heldenleben*, Op.40
 Figure 9-eight after Figure 12

9 *ff* 3

10 *fff* 3

11 *f cresc.* *ff* *f cresc.* *ff*

12 *ff* *ff*

Excerpt 2B: R. STRAUSS – *Ein Heldenleben*, Op.40
 Four before Figure 20-four after Figure 21

20 *accelerando espr.* *sfz* *mf* *sfz* *f* *sfz*

Wieder etwas langsamer. *accelerando bis espr.* *sfz*

21 *f* *sfz*

- *fest im gewonnenen, lebhaften Zeitmass.*

Excerpt 3: J. BRAHMS – Symphony No.2 in D Major, Op.73

4th movement 244-279

in tempo

244 *pp*

251 **L** *pp sempre*

258

264 *f sempre più f f*

270

275 *sf sf sf sf* 1 **M**

Detailed description: This is a musical score for the 4th movement of Brahms' Symphony No. 2, measures 244-279. The score is written for a single staff in bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major). The tempo is marked 'in tempo'. The score is divided into six systems. The first system (measures 244-250) begins with a piano (*pp*) dynamic. The second system (measures 251-257) features a first ending bracket labeled 'L' and a piano (*pp sempre*) dynamic. The third system (measures 258-263) continues the melodic line. The fourth system (measures 264-269) is marked with a forte (*f*) dynamic and includes the instruction '*f sempre più*'. The fifth system (measures 270-274) continues the melodic line. The sixth system (measures 275-279) features a sforzando (*sf*) dynamic and ends with a first ending bracket labeled 'M' and a final measure marked '1'.

Excerpt 4A: W.A. MOZART – Symphony No.39 in E-Flat Major, K.543

1st movement, 13-21, 40-61

Adagio

I

Vollendet Wien, 26. Juni 1788

Measures 13-21 of the Adagio section. The music is in E-flat major (three flats) and 3/4 time. It begins with a bass clef and a key signature of three flats. Measure 13 starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic. Measure 16 begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The section concludes with a repeat sign and a first ending bracket.

Allegro

Measures 26-61 of the Allegro section. The music is in E-flat major (three flats) and 3/4 time. It begins with a bass clef and a key signature of three flats. Measure 26 starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic. Measure 39 begins with a repeat sign. Measure 49 starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The section concludes with a repeat sign and a first ending bracket.

Excerpt 4B: W.A. MOZART – Symphony No.39 in E-Flat Major, K.543
4th movement, 115-137

This musical score is for the Violin I part of the 4th movement of Mozart's Symphony No. 39. It covers measures 108 to 137. The key signature is E-flat major (three flats) and the time signature is 3/4. The score is written on a single staff in bass clef. Measure 108 begins with a forte (f) dynamic and a bracketed section. Measures 119, 125, and 130 are marked at the start of their respective lines. The music features a variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The excerpt concludes with a large closing bracket at the end of measure 137.

Excerpt 5: G. MAHLER – Symphony No.7 in E Minor
2nd movement

Nicht eilen

47 pizz. arco *pp* 3

51 *sf p sf p* 75 pizz. arco *ff sf*

55 *sf pp* 3 *poco cresc.*

59 *mf p f sf*

62 76 *p sf p sf p*

67 77 *n n sf n sf m*

71 *cresc. f p sf p*

75 78 *sf p p* 1

Excerpt 6: VERDI – OTHELLO – ACT IV

pp *un poco marc.* **TUTTI** *morendo* *f* *ppp* *dim.* *p* *stacc.* *molto accelerando*

Excerpt 7 - J.S BACH –Violin Concerto, BWV 1042 in E major – 2nd Movement

2. Adagio

sempre piano

4

7

10

14

18

23

4

Excerpt 8: R. WAGNER – *Die Walküre*, WWV 86B Act 1, Scene 2

16 *Lento.* *p* *espr.*

ci!

più p

Weh-walt hiesst ich mich selbst
Wehwalt, c'est mon sur-nom.

f *stizz.*

17 *dol. con espr.* *p*

Hunding
Hunding, will ich er-warten.
je vais l'attendre.

18 *pp*

dolce *perdendosi* *pp*

Excerpt 9: B. BRITTEN – *Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge*, Op.10
 “March”

Presto alla marcia (♩ = 168-176)

pp martellato *cresc.* **4^a** *dim.* *pp* *poco cresc.* *mf* *dim.* *pp* **5** *f* *cresc.* **6** *ff* *f e dim.* *sempre più p* *p* *pp* *ppp*

Orchestral Soli - Excerpt 10: HAYDN – Symphony No.31 in D Major – 4th Movement

Var. 7.

The musical score for Var. 7 is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The melody features eighth and sixteenth notes, with two triplet markings (indicated by a '3' below the notes). The second staff continues the melody, also featuring triplet markings and a repeat sign. The third staff shows a continuation of the melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The fourth staff concludes the variation with a first ending (marked '1.') and a second ending (marked '2.'). The first ending leads back to the beginning of the variation, while the second ending concludes with a final note and a repeat sign.

Excerpt 11: MILHAUD – Le Creation du Monde

$\text{♩} = 62$
p
 4
 8
 12
mp
 16
 20
mf
 23
 26
 30
 34
 38
 42
ff

Excerpt 12: STRAVINSKY – Pulcinella Suite

Solo [85] **Vivo**, ♩ = 132 - 138

ff sf sf fff sempre sim.

10 [87]

17 *sim.* *f* *gliss.* *ff*

22 [88] *ff* *8va*

29 [89]

37 [90] *très fort (détaché)*

47 [91] *p dolce* [92] **3**

58 [93] **4** *sub.p* *ff risoluto, energico*

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Adagio molto espressivo ♩ = 56

[65] *p*

mf

[66] **poco precipitato** *f esultato* **rall.** **a tempo** *mf* *cedendo* *p dolce*

[67] *pp*

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Duet: G.A. SCHNEIDER – Duet for Low Instruments
Please prepare the bottom line

Allegro

10

20

30

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