

HELENA SYMPHONY

ALLAN R. SCOTT MUSIC DIRECTOR
THE JIM & SUZI STANGER CHAIR

AUDITION ANNOUNCEMENT

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Associate Principal Second (1 opening) *

* If titled position is awarded to a current orchestra member, section positions may be offered to successful candidates.

The Helena Symphony Orchestra & Chorale led by Music Director Allan R. Scott has an annual concert season of 14-18 concerts, including 6 subscription concerts, 4 non-series concerts, 5 educational concerts, occasional runout or benefit performances, and potential outreach / school visits, totaling 55-65 services a season. The Helena Symphony Orchestra works under a master agreement, and there are 2-6 services in a concert series week.

Audition Date: 24 October 2025
Application Deadline: 14 October 2025
Start Date: Based on Availability and Section Need
Reports to: Music Director and Director of Artistic Planning
Length of Season: September to May (plus summer concerts June and July)

AUDITION

The Helena Symphony Orchestra encourages talented and dedicated musicians to audition. Musicians are judged on musicianship, preparation, tone quality, and proficiency on their instrument. Prior to the audition, Candidates must submit a completed Audition Information Form and a single-page CV or performance resumé to Rehanna Olson, Director of Artistic Planning, artisticplanning@helenasympphony.org. In addition, ALL candidates must send a \$50 audition deposit to reserve an audition time, which must be received in the Helena Symphony Office on or before the audition application deadline. The deposit will be returned at the audition or destroyed if cancellation is requested 2 weeks prior to the audition date. Deposit is forfeit if cancellation is requested after 2 weeks prior to the audition date, or if candidate does not appear for audition.

- The Audition consists of the following – **PLEASE READ:**
 - Prepared unaccompanied solo; **2 minutes** in length to demonstrate instrument proficiency, tone quality, technique, and virtuosity (need not be memorized). **Solo choices are listed below.**
 - Several prepared excerpts (listed below) that are assigned to demonstrate musician's preparation ability. (Excerpts are available online via IMSLP or www.orchestraexcerpts.com, along with recorded examples.)
- Number of audition rounds will be determined by the number of qualified candidates.
- A pre-screening may occur depending on the number of qualified candidates.
- Candidates may be asked to sight read.
- Final round may include non-blind audition and an interview with the Audition Committee.

SOLO: 2 minutes, choose one from the following:

MOZART Violin Concerto No. 3, 4, or 5 – Movement I (exposition only)

ORCHESTRA EXCERPTS: Prepare all excerpts. Audition Committee will choose which excerpts are played at the audition.

BRAHMS	Symphony No. 4	Movement II, m. 30-39 and m. 88-101
MENDELSSOHN	<i>Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Scherzo, page 1
MOZART	Symphony No. 39	Movement II, Beginning - m. 28, and m. 96-125
PROKOFIEV	Symphony No. 1, <i>Classical Symphony</i>	Movement I, Beginning - Reh. H
SCHUMANN	Symphony No. 2	Scherzo, m. 1-54 (Page 1)
R. STRAUSS	<i>Don Juan</i>	Page 1
SHOSTAKOVICH	Symphony No. 5	Reh. 32 - 2 m. after Reh. 38**

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RIMSKY-KORSAKOV	<i>Scheherazade</i>	All Solos
SHOSTAKOVICH	Symphony No. 5	Movement II, Reh. 57-59**

**Excerpt will be made available on request- contact the Symphony Office for assistance