

Helena Symphony

ALLAN R. SCOTT | MUSIC DIRECTOR

announces openings for:

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Principal (1 opening) & Associate Principal (1 opening) *

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

The Helena Symphony Orchestra & Chorale under Music Director Allan R. Scott has an annual concert season of 14-18 concerts, including 6 subscription concerts, 3 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: 7 May 2023
Application Deadline: 14 April 2023
Start Date: 23 August 2023
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. The Audition Committee consists of the Music Director, any assistant conductor, and principal members of the section(s) or instrument family (i.e. winds), and at times, other members from that section. Prior to the audition, the candidate must complete and submit a single-page performance resume or CV and the Audition Information Form, as well as review the Rehearsal & Performance Schedule, and send in a \$50 Audition Deposit. (Deposit will be returned at audition, or if audition cancellation is requested 2 weeks prior to audition. Deposit is forfeit if cancellation is requested after 2 weeks prior to 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: J.S. BACH – Cello Suite (of candidate's choice)

OR

BOTTESINI – Bass Concerto No. 2, Movement I with cadenza

OR

VANHAL – Bass Concerto in C major, Movement I with cadenza

Excerpts: All excerpts should be prepared. Audition Committee will choose which excerpts are played at the audition:

Orchestra Repertoire

BARTÓK	Concerto for Orchestra	Movement I: m. 22-58
BEETHOVEN	Symphony No. 5	Movement III: Scherzo, m. 1-100
		Movement III: Trio, m. 133-218 (no repeat)
BEETHOVEN	Symphony No. 9	Movement IV, m. 8-140; m. 431-596
BRAHMS	Symphony No. 2	Movement I, m. 48-66, m. 212-225, m. 270-302
		Movement IV, Beginning - 6 m. after Reh. B
MAHLER	Symphony No. 2	Movement I, beginning – Reh. 2
MOZART	Symphony No. 40	Movement I, m. 114-138
TCHAIKOVSKY	<i>The Nutcracker</i> : Suite No. 1	Trepak

Orchestra Solos

MAHLER	Symphony No. 1	Movement III solo
PROKOFIEV	<i>Lieutenant Kijé</i> : Suite	Romance: Rehearsals 15-16, solo
STRAVINSKY	<i>Pulcinella</i> : Suite	Movement VII: Vivo, solo