

Helena Symphony

ALLAN R. SCOTT | MUSIC DIRECTOR

announces openings for:

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Section Player

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:	As needed
Application Deadline:	N/A
Start Date:	Based on Audition and Availability
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 cancelation is requested 2 weeks prior to audition. Deposit is forfeit if cancelation 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

Solo: Movement from a Concerto of your choice (2 minutes)

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

Brahms	Symphony No. 2	Movement II, m. 1-15 & m. 49-55
Debussy	<i>La Mer</i>	2 m. before Reh. 9 – 6 m. after Reh. 9 (top part)
Mahler	Symphony No. 4	Movement I, m. 1-52
Mendelssohn	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Scherzo, Reh. C-D & Reh. N-O
Mozart	Symphony No. 35	Movement IV, m. 1-54 & m. 57-105
Verdi	Messa da Requiem	Offertorio, m. 1-62