



Audition Process

Beginning in January 2015, the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra will begin a two-part, rolling audition process. The first part will consist of a video audition which will be reviewed by current section principals. The second part will be a traditional live audition attended by a committee of musicians and Music Director Manny Laureano.

Musicians who are interested in auditioning may submit a video at any time. Those selected to move forward will be invited to perform at the next live audition date, with a minimum of two dates per year and the possibility of more, depending on need and availability. The live audition will have the same requirements (solo & excerpts) as the video audition.

Instructions for the video audition:

Please know that a video captured on smartphone or small handheld camcorder will suffice; there is no need to purchase hi-definition video recorders or rent studio time.

- 1) Download the audition materials here: www.bloomingtonsymphony.org/auditions
- 2) Record in a traditional rehearsal space – not too “live” (like a church or cathedral) or dead (like a carpeted room with a low ceiling).
- 3) Digital files may not be edited or enhanced in any way. Any recordings that are altered will be ineligible for consideration.
- 4) Record yourself from the **beginning to the end without stopping**, as you would at a live audition.
 - a. State your name clearly and let us know if you are auditioning for a section and/or leadership position.
 - b. Play about three minutes of a solo, including both slow and fast movements, if possible.
 - c. Play the excerpts in the order in which they are included in the audition packet.
 - d. The video should be ten minutes or less. (YouTube has a 15-minute limit)
- 5) Upload your video to YouTube as a Public or Unlisted* video.
- 6) Send the link to info@bloomingtonsymphony.org - Sara Tan, General Manager

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sara Tan, General Manager at info@bloomingtonsymphony.org.

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