

Audition Pack

Principal Harp

Monday 28 & Tuesday 29 June

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** for applicants submitting a recorded audition*

Audition & Position Information

Position	Principal Harp
Salary	A\$146,765 - A\$168,508 per annum plus 9.50 % superannuation, and 6 weeks annual leave
Eligibility	This position is only open to Australian citizens and permanent residents, and New Zealand citizens
Tenure	Permanent, subject to completion of 12-month trial period
Application closing date	Monday 17 May 2021
Recorded submission due date	Friday 18 June 2021
Live audition date	Monday 28 & Tuesday 29 June 2021
Apply	Click here to apply online via the Sydney Symphony Orchestra website

Applicants unable to attend the live audition are encouraged to submit a recorded audition. If the recorded submission proceeds to the final stage of the audition, the applicant will be required to do a live audition in Sydney at a suitable time for both the applicant and the Company. The panel will make their final decision after seeing all final applicants perform a live audition.

Please note the panel may choose to short list and invite applicants after sighting resumes.

Applicants will receive details regarding the audition after the closing date.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, please [click here](#).

Please direct any enquiries to Orchestra Management at auditionapplications@sydneyssymphony.com.

Position Description

Role	Principal Harp
Reports to	Concertmaster(s), Conductor
Department	Orchestra Management

- The Principal shall play all parts and is responsible for the overall performance standard of contract or casual harpists.
- The Principal will oversee the distribution of parts and rostering of additional players as required.
- The Principal will consult with the Chief Conductor & Artistic Director and the Concertmaster(s).
- The Principal Musician's instrument(s) must be of a professional quality standard. The Principal Musician is provided with instrument(s) by the Company. The Principal Musician will determine which instrument to use in performances as required.

Key Functions & Responsibilities

Undertake duties in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra Musicians' Agreement 2019-2021.

Uphold a professional standard and approach in preparation for rehearsals and performances.

Participate in the following activities as rostered:

- Rehearsals, performances and sectionals, covering the diversity of work undertaken by the Orchestra;
- Be available to tour within Australia and internationally;
- Learning & Engagement performances;
- Musician meetings;
- Audition, trial and Orchestra meetings;
- Publicity and promotional activities; and
- Training & professional development sessions.

Participate in the following activities as agreed:

- Committee meetings with Musician representatives;
- Ensemble and chamber music activities;
- Sponsor, philanthropy and promotional events;
- Learning & Engagement activities;
- Masterclasses;
- Public speaking and pre-concert talks;
- Undertake higher duties; and
- Other duties.

Principal Harp

Orchestral excerpts

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Solo repertoire (not included in this booklet)

MOZART	Concerto for Flute and Harp in C, K.299 Complete work
FAURÉ	Impromptu No.6 in D flat, Op.86 Complete work

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Please note

Excerpts may be heard in any order.

These excerpts will appear at about 81% of their original size when printed on A4 paper.

The SSO will supply a hard copy of these excerpts at 100% size (on B4 paper) on request.

To request a 100% copy, please e-mail alastair.mckean@sydneysymphony.com with your address.

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EXCERPT 1 [Lento], quasi cadenza

4 Quasi cadenza

Lyrics:

French:
SOL $\flat$ DO $\sharp$ RÉ $\sharp$ DO $\sharp$ RÉ $\sharp$ $\flat$ $\flat$ $\sharp$
SI $\flat$ LA $\flat$ RÉ $\flat$ SI $\flat$
UT $\sharp$ SI $\flat$ UT $\sharp$ LA RÉ $\flat$

Italian:
gliss.
gliss.
gliss.
FA $\flat$

Dynamic markings: f, Accel., ff

Time signatures: 4/4, 2/4

Other markings: 8, 6, (b)

R. STRAUSS *Salome's Dance* [concert version]

Excerpt 1 Ziemlich langsam, ♩ = 72

Handwritten musical score for piano, featuring six systems of music. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings (p, sfz, mf, pp, f). It also includes tempo markings like "a tempo", "poco accel.", "acc.", and "wieder a tempo". The score is divided into sections labeled E, F, G, H, J, and K. Section E is marked "a tempo" and "8". Section F is marked "p". Section G is marked "sfz" and "1". Section H is marked "p", "sfz", "mf", and "2". Section J is marked "poco accel.", "pp", and "6". Section K is marked "acc.", "sfz", "p", and "6". The score concludes with a section marked "f" and "3".

E a tempo 8

F p

G sfz 1

H p sfz mf 2

J poco accel. pp 6

K wieder a tempo acc. sfz p 6

f 3

continues

Handwritten musical score on a five-line staff. The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a time signature of 7/8. The piece is marked with a tempo of 'L' (Lento) and a dynamic of '8'. The notation features several triplet markings (3) and a final measure marked with a '9' and a 'M' (Molto) marking. The score is written in a cursive, handwritten style.

Excerpt 2 Calando [previous tempo Etwas lebhafter]

calando

1

p

wieder erstes Zeitmass
(ziemlich langsam)

mf (voll)

f

allmählich etwas fließender

8

cresc.

ff

R

The musical score consists of seven systems of staves. The first system includes the instruction *ritard.* and a fermata over an eighth note. The second system includes *accelerando*, *dim.*, and *p*. The third system includes a fermata over an eighth note. The fourth system includes *mf* and a fermata over a sixteenth note. The fifth system includes a fermata over a sixteenth note. The sixth system includes a fermata over a sixteenth note and a trill marked with 'T'. The seventh system includes a fermata over a sixteenth note. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4.

continues

R. STRAUSS *Salome's Dance* cont.

6 6 6 3 3

U 6 6 6

6 6 6 6 6 6

ritard. 2 1 *f* *dim.* *ff* wieder etwas mässiger V

accel. 1 *f* 1 1 *f* wieder etwas mässiger W

poco accel. 1 *dim.* *p* allmählich bewegter

X

System 1:

- Measure 1: *mf* (3/4)
- Measure 2: *f* (3/4)
- Measure 3: **1** (2/4)
- Measure 4: *mf* (2/4)
- Measure 5: **1** (2/4)

System 2:

- Measure 6: *p* *grazioso* (2/4)
- Measure 7: *p* *grazioso* (2/4)
- Measure 8: *p* *grazioso* (2/4)
- Measure 9: *p* *grazioso* (2/4)
- Measure 10: *p* *grazioso* (2/4)
- Measure 11: *p* *grazioso* (2/4)

System 3:

- Measure 12: *acc.* (3/4)
- Measure 13: **1** (2/4)
- Measure 14: **12** (2/4)
- Measure 15: **4** (2/4)
- Measure 16: *p stacc.* (2/4)
- Measure 17: *p stacc.* (2/4)
- Measure 18: *p stacc.* (2/4)

Performance Instructions:

- Y** Sehr schnell $\text{♩} = 168$
- Z**
- a**

WAGNER arr. Salzedo *Die Walküre* *

Harp

Act III, sc. iii

Excerpt 1 Moderato

SI b DO b LA b

DO b SI b SOL b RÉ b DO #

SOL b FA b RÉ b SI b

RÉ b LA b DO b MI b RÉ #

LA b MI b RÉ b SOL b FA # LA b FA b LA b SI b

DO # DO #

WAGNER arr. unknown *Die Walküre* *

Harp

Act III, sc. iii
Excerpt 1 Moderato

The musical score is written for Harp and consists of six systems of two staves each. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. The first system begins with a forte dynamic and a tempo marking of Moderato. The score is written in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The first system is marked with a forte dynamic and a tempo marking of Moderato. The second system begins with a forte dynamic and a tempo marking of Moderato. The third system begins with a forte dynamic and a tempo marking of Moderato. The fourth system begins with a forte dynamic and a tempo marking of Moderato. The fifth system begins with a forte dynamic and a tempo marking of Moderato. The sixth system begins with a forte dynamic and a tempo marking of Moderato. The score is written in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The first system is marked with a forte dynamic and a tempo marking of Moderato. The second system begins with a forte dynamic and a tempo marking of Moderato. The third system begins with a forte dynamic and a tempo marking of Moderato. The fourth system begins with a forte dynamic and a tempo marking of Moderato. The fifth system begins with a forte dynamic and a tempo marking of Moderato. The sixth system begins with a forte dynamic and a tempo marking of Moderato.

The image displays a musical score for piano, consisting of two systems of music. The first system features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of three flats and a common time signature. The second system includes a repeat sign and a key signature change to two flats. Chord labels C#F, E#, and G#D# are present.

* Please play either this arrangement or the arrangement on pp.10-11

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Part III. *Phaedo* ("The Hemlock Cup")
Excerpt 1 Misterioso, dreamy (♩ = ca.60)

Misterioso, dreamy (♩ = ca. 60)

74 C#B#E#F#G#

ppp *delicato*

77 Colla parte A#

Un poco più mosso (♩ = 66)

80 E# 5 5 D# 1 D#B# C#B#F#G#A#

85 Long Senza Tempo Subito Tempo Primo (♩ = 66)

p *pp* *p*

f

III. *Valse des Fleurs*

EXCERPT 1 Tempo di Valse

Tempo di Valse.

Oboe.

1 2 *ff* 3 3 3 1 *ff* 3

Solo

6* *ff*

8

rit.



¶ Please play either this excerpt, or the Sleeping Beauty excerpt (p.17), or the Swan Lake excerpt (pp.18-19)

* Please observe a brief pause before continuing

TCHAIKOVSKY *Sleeping Beauty*, Op.66[¶]

Act I. No.8, Pas d'action: [a] Adagio

Excerpt 1 Andante

6

ff

10

11

8

12

13

10

14

8va

fff ad libitum

12

14

13

16

14

13

[¶] Please play either this excerpt, or the Nutcracker excerpt (p.16), or the Swan Lake excerpt (pp.18-19)

4. Scène

Excerpt 1 Andante

Andante

The musical score is written for piano and consists of five systems. The first system is marked '1' and 'f'. The second, third, and fourth systems continue the melodic and harmonic development. The fifth system is marked 'Cadenza' and 'p'.

Cadenza

The musical score consists of five systems of two staves each. The first system shows a descending melodic line in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand. The second system continues this pattern. The third system features a complex, dense texture with many beamed notes and a fermata. The fourth system shows a continuation of the melodic line. The fifth system concludes with a 'ritenuto molto' marking and a final cadence.

¶ Please play either this excerpt, or the Nutcracker excerpt (p.16), or the Sleeping Beauty excerpt (p.17)

STRAVINSKY *Agon*

Gailliarde
Excerpt 1 ♩ = 208

GAILLIARDE.
♩ = 208

164

166

168

come prima

170

ben marc.

173

177

181

(h)

poco rall.

a tempo

B $\sharp$
F $\sharp$
G $\sharp$

* Please do not observe repeat

III. *I pini del Gianicolo*

Excerpt 1 Lento

15 Tempo I.

p

traff. a tempo

traff. a tempo

rall.
dim.

16 *a tempo, poco animato*
p Mi# - La# *dim.*

a tempo *poco animato*
mp Re b - Fa b 1

Variation I

Excerpt 1 Maestoso

VARIATION I
Maestoso (J. J.)

Solo

f

ff

sf cresc

sf

fff con bravura

VARIATION J (Horns)
L'istesso tempo

***) as before**

1

2

1

2

Horns

VERDI *La Forza del Destino*
Harp 1

No.1 Preludio o Sinfonia
Excerpt 1 Allegro brillante

6 *ALLO BRILLANTE*

ARPA

H **I** **J** **L** **M** **VIOLINI**

9 10 14 12 9

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BARTÓK *Concerto for Orchestra*
Harp 1

IV. *Intermezzo interrotto*
Excerpt 1 Calmo

Calmo

43

51

V. Finale
Excerpt 2 A tempo [Presto]

339 1st Vln.

Poch. rall a tempo 344

349

356

TACET

'O mio babbino caro'

Excerpt 1 Andantino ingenuo

40 *ANDANTINO INGENUO*

The musical score is written for piano in 6/8 time, featuring a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of five systems of grand staves, each with a treble and bass clef. The notation is characterized by flowing, arched melodic lines in both hands, often spanning multiple measures. The first system begins with a *pp* (pianissimo) dynamic marking. The second system includes another *pp* marking. The third system contains a fermata over a note in the treble staff. The fourth and fifth systems continue the melodic development with various phrasing slurs and ties. The overall texture is light and lyrical, consistent with the 'Andantino ingenuo' tempo and mood.

The image displays four staves of musical notation for piano, arranged vertically. The first three staves show continuous musical passages with various techniques:

- Staff 1:** Features arpeggiated chords in the right hand and a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand. Slurs are used to group notes in both hands.
- Staff 2:** Continues the arpeggiated pattern. A dynamic marking of *p* (piano) appears in the right hand towards the end of the staff.
- Staff 3:** Includes a *rit.* (ritardando) marking above the staff, indicating a gradual slowing down of the tempo.
- Staff 4:** Starts with *a tempo* and *rit.* markings, followed by a *rall.* (rallentando) marking. A *pp* (pianissimo) dynamic marking is present in the left hand. The staff concludes with a double bar line and a key signature change to B-flat major (two flats). The tempo changes to 3/4 time, and the instruction "Datemi il testa" is written above the staff.

A small box containing the number "41" is located between the third and fourth staves, likely indicating a measure number or a section marker.

End of orchestral excerpts

Audition Recording Requirements

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For applicants unable to attend a live audition, Sydney Symphony Orchestra accepts recordings of broadcast quality.

Submitting a Recording

Recorded auditions are due 10 days before the live audition and must be submitted via the online form available at <https://www.sydneyssymphony.com/about-us/work-with-us>

Recording Guidelines

- Submissions must include both audio and video
- Record the audition material in five blocks, each block recorded in one single unedited take.
 - Block A: solo repertoire
 - Block B: pages 3 – 9 of orchestral excerpts
 - Block C: pages 10 – 19 of orchestral excerpts
 - Block D: pages 20 – 28 of orchestral excerpts

*Please note – The order and grouping of excerpts specified for the recorded audition does not reflect the order and grouping in the live audition rounds.
- Submissions must list the start time and title of each movement for works and each individual excerpt. This can be submitted as extra material or as time stamps when using a third party hosting site.
- We recommend recording with a separate microphone and with video in 720pHD at 30fps or 1080pHD at 30fps or 60fps.
- Accepted formats for submission:
 - mp4, avi, mkv files, etc. hosted by Dropbox or WeTransfer
 - URL to third party hosting site (eg Vimeo for best quality)

Recording Declaration

When submitting a recorded audition, you are required to submit a recording declaration, as provided on the next page of this Audition Pack.

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When submitting a recorded audition, you are required to complete the following declaration.

The enclosed recording is submitted as an application by for the position
of with the Sydney Symphony.

I declare that the playing on this recorded audition is my own. Each block of audition material in my submission has been recorded in one single unedited take.

I understand that providing any false or misleading material will lead to the automatic disqualification for this position and may affect subsequent applications.

Signed: Date:
[Candidate]

Signed: Date:
[Witness e.g sound engineer]

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