

Audition Pack

Associate Concertmaster

Monday 14 & Tuesday 15 August 2023

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Audition Information

Position	Associate Concertmaster
Remuneration	A\$154,294.61 – \$177,153.07 per annum plus 10.5% 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
Section structure	The First Violin section is comprised of one concertmaster position, two Associate Concertmasters, two Assistant Concertmasters and 13 Tutti First Violins
Application closing date	Sunday 16 July 11.59pm AEST
Recorded submission due date	Sunday 06 August 11.59pm AEST
Live audition date	Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 August 2023
Location	Ultimo, Sydney
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 shortlist 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 audition.applications@sydneysymphony.com

Position Description

Role	Associate Concertmaster(s) String Musician
Reports to	Concertmaster, Conductor
Department	Orchestra Management

- *In the absence of a Concertmaster the Associate Concertmaster(s) leads the Orchestra and plays solo parts as required.*
- *An Associate Concertmaster(s) covers major solo parts and is prepared to lead the Orchestra.*
- *An Associate Concertmaster(s) consults with the Section Principals, Concertmasters and the Chief Conductor & Artistic Director and are jointly responsible for the overall performance standard of their Section.*
- *An Associate Concertmaster(s) assists the Principal(s) and the Concertmaster(s) as requested in the seating of their section.*
- *An Associate Concertmaster Musician's instrument(s) must be of a professional quality standard.*
- *A Musician provided with instrument(s) by the Company shall use the instrument(s) in all performances, as required.*

Key Functions & Responsibilities

Undertake duties in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra Musicians' Agreement 2022-2023.

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

Engender a positive section culture and model high standards of workplace behaviour through adherence to SSO workplace policies and procedures

Provide leadership support to Section members in the resolution of issues in accordance with SSO Policies, including informing and working with Orchestra Management, People & Culture and Management Committee members to resolve complex issues and complaints as required.

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;
- Musicians 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.

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Orchestral excerpts

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Solo repertoire

(not included in this booklet)

MOZART	Violin Concerto in G, D or A <i>First and second movements, including cadenzas</i>
MASSENET	Thaïs: Méditation*
WILLIAMS	Schindler's List: Theme* <i>* please play either of these works</i>
Own choice	Concerto or major work for violin and orchestra, 19th or 20th century <i>First movement only Please prepare any cadenzas, although they may not be heard</i>

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Please note

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.
A copy will also be available at the audition.

R. STRAUSS *Also sprach Zarathustra*, Op.30
Violin I, desk 1

Der Tanzlied
Excerpt 1 Im Zeitmass zart bewegt

The musical score is written for Violin I, desk 1, and consists of five systems of staves. The first system includes a hand icon pointing to the first staff. The notation features various musical elements such as triplets, slurs, and dynamic markings. The tempo and mood are indicated as 'Im Zeitmass zart bewegt'. The score includes several performance instructions in German, such as 'etwas zurückhaltend' (somewhat restrained) and 'im Zeitmass, mit lebhaftem Schwung' (in the tempo, with lively swing). The dynamics range from *pp* (pianissimo) to *ff* (fortissimo). The score is marked with measure numbers 31 and 32. The first system is marked '1. Pult.' and 'dim.'. The second system is marked '1. Pult.', 'cresc.', 'gliss.', and 'p'. The third system is marked '1. Pult.', 'A Saite', 'gliss.', 'f', and 'ff'. The fourth system is marked '1. P.' and 'ff'. The fifth system is marked '1. P.' and '8'.

1. Pult. *dim.* *pp* *etwas zurückhaltend* *im Zeitmass* *cresc.* *gliss.* *p*

etwas zurückhaltend *im Zeitmass, mit lebhaftem Schwung* *f* *ff*

31 *ff* *1. P.* *ff* *8*

8 *1. P.* *8*

First system of musical notation, measures 1-4. Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has a *gliss.* marking and fingerings 8, 5, 6, 8, 5. Bass staff has a 1.P. marking and a 5 fingering.

Second system of musical notation, measures 5-8. Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has a 32 measure rest and a *leicht u. elastisch.* marking. Bass staff has a 1.P. marking and a 32 measure rest. Dynamics *ff* are present at the end.

Third system of musical notation, measures 9-12. Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has a 1.P. marking and a *ff* dynamic. Bass staff has a 1.P. marking and a *f* dynamic.

Fourth system of musical notation, measures 13-16. Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has a 33 measure rest and a *p* dynamic. Bass staff has a *p* dynamic and a *cresc.* marking.

Fifth system of musical notation, measures 17-20. Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has a *p* dynamic and a *cresc.* marking. Bass staff has a *p* dynamic and a *cresc.* marking.

continues

R. STRAUSS *Also sprach Zarathustra!* cont.



Handwritten musical score for piano, consisting of five systems of staves. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, accidentals, and dynamic markings. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

System 1: Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has a melodic line with a slur and a fermata. Bass staff has a melodic line with a slur and a fermata. Dynamic markings: *f* and *dim.*

System 2: Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has a melodic line with a slur and a fermata. Bass staff has a melodic line with a slur and a fermata. Dynamic markings: *mf*, *dim.*, *gliss.*, and *cresc.*

System 3: Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has a melodic line with a slur and a fermata. Bass staff has a melodic line with a slur and a fermata. Dynamic markings: *ff*, *cresc.*, and *ff*

System 4: Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has a melodic line with a slur and a fermata. Bass staff has a melodic line with a slur and a fermata. Dynamic markings: *ff*

System 5: Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has a melodic line with a slur and a fermata. Bass staff has a melodic line with a slur and a fermata. Dynamic markings: *ff*

1. P.

p

1. Pult.

Sehr bewegt.

ff

1. Pult.

dim. *f* *ff*

1. Pult.

ff marcato *dim.* *f*

1. Pult.

dim. *p*

1 38 40 I. Clar. (B)

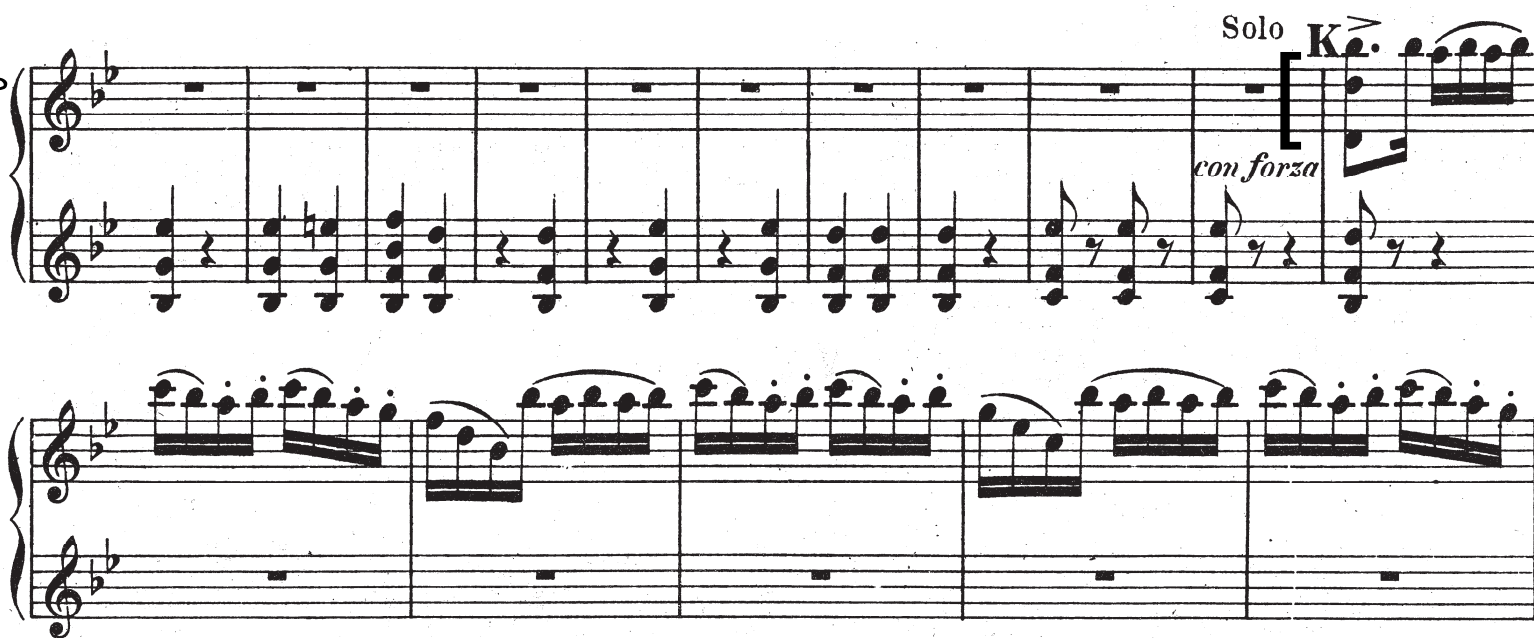
RIMSKY-KORSAKOV *Capriccio espagnol*, Op.34
Violin I

III. Alborada
Excerpt 1 Vivo e strepitoso



Solo **H**
arco
con forza
spiccato
tr
tr
tr
tr
I
pizz.
ff

Excerpt 2 [same tempo]



Solo **K**
con forza

continues

First system of musical notation. The right hand features a series of trills (tr) and triplets (3) over a descending eighth-note scale. The left hand is silent.

Second system of musical notation. The right hand continues with trills and triplets, while the left hand remains silent.

Third system of musical notation. The right hand continues with trills and triplets, while the left hand remains silent.

Fourth system of musical notation. The right hand begins with a trill, followed by a rest. The left hand enters with a piano (pp) arco part, marked "divisi arco". The system concludes with a forte (f) "attacca" instruction.

III. Alborada
Excerpt 3 Vivo e strepitoso

Solo Cadenza (II) *con forza*
e capriccioso

dim. e rit.

L a tempo
2 Tutti 3 pizz. arco 3 pizz.

p f p f

STRAVINSKY Violin Concerto in D
Violin I

IV. *Capriccio*

Excerpt 1 Poco più tranquillo (previous tempo ♩ = 120)



117

Violino solo

mf

Violini gli altri

mf

118

Violino solo

Subito più mosso ♩=152

119

2

Tutti unis.

3

poco *sf*

DVOŘÁK Symphony No.8 in G, Op.88
Violin I

Second movement
Excerpt 1 Adagio, ♩ = 80

The musical score is written for Violin I and consists of three systems of staves. The first system (measures 55-58) features a 'solo' part on the upper staff and 'altri' (other violins) on the lower staff. A hand icon points to the start of the solo at measure 55. A bracket labeled 'D.' spans measures 57 and 58. The second system (measures 59-62) continues the solo and includes a 'mf' dynamic marking. The third system (measures 63-66) includes 'p dim.', 'pp', 'fz', and 'cresc.' markings, and a bracket labeled 'tutti non divisi' spanning measures 64 and 65. Various musical notations such as triplets, slurs, and accents are present throughout the excerpt.

BEETHOVEN Symphony No.9 in D minor, Op.125
Violin I

Third movement
Excerpt 1 Stesso tempo [Adagio molto e cantabile, ♩[.] = 60]

96 1 *cresc.* *cresc.* *p dolce* arco

100

102 *cresc.* *dimin.* *p*

105

107 9 9

109 *cresc.* *p* 6

111 *tr* *cresc.* 9 9

113 *p* 9

Detailed description: This is a musical score for Violin I, Excerpt 1, measures 96-113. The score is written in D minor (three flats) and 12/8 time. It begins at measure 96 with a first ending bracket. The music features a variety of articulations and dynamics, including crescendos, decrescendos, and a piano (p) dynamic. A 'dolce' marking is present, and an 'arco' instruction is given. The score includes several slurs, ties, and a trill (tr) in measure 111. The excerpt concludes with a final bracket in measure 113.

BRAHMS 'Double Concerto' for violin and cello in A minor, Op.102

Violin I

First movement
Excerpt 1 Allegro

This musical score for Violin I, Excerpt 1, covers measures 357 to 396 of the first movement of Brahms' 'Double Concerto' for violin and cello in A minor, Op. 102. The music is in 2/4 time and features a variety of dynamic markings and articulations. The score is written for a single violin part, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature of 2/4. The measures are numbered on the left margin: 357, 367, 373, 376, 382, 386, 391, and 396. The score includes several dynamic markings: *p marc.* (piano, marcato), *f* (forte), *sf* (sforzando), *f ben* (forzando), *marc.* (marcato), *ff* (fortissimo), *sempre f* (sempre forte), *fp* (fortissimo piano), and *pp* (pianissimo). There are also articulations such as *arco* (arco), *0* (Tutti), and *P* (Piano). The score features a variety of musical notations, including eighth notes, sixteenth notes, and triplets. The measures are grouped into systems, with measure numbers 357, 367, 373, 376, 382, 386, 391, and 396 marking the beginning of new systems. The score ends with a first ending bracket labeled '1' and a final measure marked 'pp'.

Violin I

Excerpt 1 Quick march time (Allegro), ♩ = 120

Hand icon pointing to the piano part.

Key signature: One sharp (F#). Time signature: 2/4.

Section A: *Hns.* (Harp), *mf*, *sff*, *mf*.

Section B: *sf*, *cresc.*, *f dim.*, *p*.

ELGAR 'Enigma' Variations, Op.36
Violin I

II. [H.D. S-P.]
Excerpt 1 Allegro

5 *Allegro.*
unis.
p staccato

VI. II.

VI. II.

VI. II.

mf *dim.* *cresc.*

6

1 Cello.

mf *cresc.*

f *dim.*

pizz. *VI. II.* *dim.*

7 arco

Clar.

pp

pp

pp

dim.

dim.

3

Violin I

Excerpt 1 Adagio cantabile

con sord.

p *fz* *p* *fz* *p*

5 *fz* *p* *fz* *p* *p*

9 *p*

14 *f* *p* *f* *tr* *p*

18 *p*

23 *f* *p* *f* *p* *f*

PROKOFIEV *Romeo and Juliet* Suite No.1, Op.64bis
Violin I

7. *Death of Tybalt*

Excerpt 1 Presto, ♩ = 168

70 *f* *precipitato e con brio*

71 *f*

72 *f*

73 *f*

74 *ff* *mf* *ff* *cresc.* *continues*

Detailed description: This is a musical score for Violin I, Excerpt 1, measures 70-74. The music is in treble clef and 2/4 time. It features a series of rapid sixteenth-note passages. Measure 70 starts with a forte (f) dynamic and the instruction 'precipitato e con brio'. Measure 71 continues the rapid sixteenth-note pattern with a forte (f) dynamic. Measure 72 also continues the pattern with a forte (f) dynamic. Measure 73 continues the pattern with a forte (f) dynamic. Measure 74 begins with a forte (f) dynamic, followed by a fortissimo (ff) dynamic, then a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic, and ends with a fortissimo (ff) dynamic and a crescendo (cresc.) marking. The word 'continues' is written at the end of the excerpt.

75

f

f

76

f

77

f

78 *div.*

f *cresc.* *ff*

1 *unis. sul ponticello* *ff*

Detailed description: This musical score consists of six staves. The first staff begins with measure 75, marked with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The second staff continues the melody and includes a forte (*f*) dynamic marking. The third staff contains measure 76, also marked with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The fourth staff continues the musical progression. The fifth staff contains measure 77, marked with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The sixth staff contains measure 78, which is marked with a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic and includes the instruction *div.* (divisi). The staff concludes with a first ending bracket labeled '1' and the instruction *unis. sul ponticello* (unison on the bridge), marked with a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. The music features complex rhythmic patterns, including sixteenth and thirty-second notes, and various articulations such as accents and slurs.

R. STRAUSS *Ein Heldenleben*, Op.40
Violin I

Excerpt 1 Festes Zeitmass (sehr lebhaft)

This musical score is for the Violin I part of Richard Strauss's *Ein Heldenleben*, Op. 40, Excerpt 1. It covers measures 75 through 79. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The tempo and character are marked 'Festes Zeitmass (sehr lebhaft)'. The score is written on five staves. Measure 75 begins with a forte (*ff*) dynamic and a 'G-Saite' (G string) instruction. Measure 76 continues with *ff* and includes a 'G-Saite. marcato' instruction. Measure 77 features a forte (*f*) dynamic and a 'G-Saite. marcato' instruction. Measure 78 starts with a forte (*ff*) dynamic. Measure 79 concludes with a forte (*ff*) dynamic. The notation includes various musical symbols such as treble clefs, key signatures, dynamics, articulation marks (accents, slurs), and fingerings (e.g., 3, 2, 5).

SCHOENBERG *Verklärte Nacht*, Op.4 [1943 version]
Violin I

Excerpt 1 Adagio

275 *f* *rit.* *ff* *p* *rit.* *mf* [con sord.]

279 *Meno mosso* *ppp* *ppp* *mf*

283 *ppp* *pp* *mp*

287 *f*

291 *p cresc.* *poco a poco accel.* *f*

294 *Più mosso, Moderato* *senza sord.* *mf* *rit.* *a tempo*

The musical score for Violin I, Excerpt 1, Adagio, spans measures 275 to 294. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The score begins with a 6-measure rest, followed by a series of sixteenth-note runs. Measure 275 features a forte (*f*) dynamic with a ritardando (*rit.*) and fortissimo (*ff*) crescendo, followed by a piano (*p*) dynamic with a ritardando (*rit.*) and mezzo-forte (*mf*) crescendo. A bracketed instruction "[con sord.]" appears above measure 275. Measure 279 marks the beginning of the "Meno mosso" section, with dynamics of pianississimo (*ppp*) and mezzo-forte (*mf*). Measure 283 continues the "Meno mosso" section with dynamics of pianississimo (*ppp*), pianissimo (*pp*), and mezzo-piano (*mp*). Measure 287 features a forte (*f*) dynamic. Measure 291 begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic, a crescendo (*cresc.*), and a "poco a poco accel." instruction, leading to a forte (*f*) dynamic. Measure 294 marks the beginning of the "Più mosso, Moderato" section, with a fortissimo-piano (*fp*) dynamic, a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic, a ritardando (*rit.*), and a final "a tempo" instruction. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, sixteenth-note runs, slurs, and dynamic markings.

WILLIAMS *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone: Suite*
Violin I

I. Hedwig's Theme
Excerpt 1 *Misterioso*

116

115 *mf*

118

121

124 *mf cresc. ff mf*

128 *Magico*

f

130

133

continues

136

139

cant.

f

141

145

mf

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 by Sunday 06 August 2023, 11.59pm AEST.

If you have selected to submit a recorded audition, you will be emailed a link to submit your recording.

Recording Guidelines

- Submissions must include both audio and video.
- Record the audition material in three blocks, each block recorded in one single unedited take.
 - **Block A:** Mozart Violin Concerto, Massenet or Williams
 - **Block B:** Own choice work, SOLO Audition Excerpts
 - **Block C:** TUTTI Audition Excerpts

*Please note – this grouping and order is not reflective of live audition rounds.

- Please record solo repertoire with accompaniment when possible
- **Timestamps: Submissions must provide the start time and title of each movement for works and each individual excerpt.**
- 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 hosted by Dropbox or Google Drive – must be able to download
 - URL to third party hosting site Vimeo
- **Unaccepted formats**
 - YouTube
 - WeTransfer
- A recording declaration must be submitted, as per below.

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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Recording Declaration

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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.

Signed: Date:
(Candidate)

Signed: Date:
(Witness e.g sound engineer)

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