



Audition Notice - EXTRA/SUBSTITUTE WINDS, VIOLIN, VIOLA, CELLO & BASS

AUDITION DATE AND TIME: April 23, 2018 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

LOCATION: St. Philip Presbyterian Church
4807 San Felipe St.
Houston, TX 77056

DEADLINE TO APPLY: April 13, 2018

APPLICANT MUST BE AUTHORIZED TO WORK IN THE UNITED STATES

AUDITION REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS:

WIND

NOTE: We are a period-instrument orchestra and you will be required to audition and perform with baroque and/or classical period instruments. No exceptions.

Please bring two solos and three orchestral excerpts that are contrasting. Provide three scores of all for the jury.

STRINGS:

NOTE: Please be prepared to audition on gut strings with a baroque bow. A = 415

VIOLIN

Solo Requirements:

- Classical Concerto (exposition of first movement and second movement)
- 2 contrasting movements from any of the Bach Solo sonatas or partitas

Orchestral Requirements:

- Bach: Orchestra suite #3, overture, air, gigue
- Mozart: Symphony No. 39, 4th mvt. (Exposition Only)
- Mendelssohn: A Midsummer Night's Dream, Scherzo

VIOLA

Solo Requirements:

- 2 contrasting solo Bach movements
- Classical concerto (exposition of first movement and second movement)

Orchestral Requirements:

- Bach: Brandenburg 3
- Mozart: Symphony No. 35, 4th mov.
- Beethoven: Symphony No. 3, Mov. 3
- Beethoven: Symphony No. 5, Mov. 2

CELLO

Solo Requirements:

- Prelude and one movement of player's choice from any Bach solo Suite.
- Classical Concerto (exposition of first movement and second movement)

Orchestral Requirements:

- Bach: Orchestral Suite #2
- Mozart: Symphony No. 35, 4th mov.
- Beethoven: Symphony No. 5, Mov. 2 & 3

BASS

Solo Requirements:

- Prelude and one movement of player's choice from any Bach solo Suite.
- Classical Concerto (exposition of first movement and second movement)

Orchestral Requirements:

- Bach: Orchestral Suite #2
- Mozart: Symphony No. 35, 4th mov.
- Beethoven: Symphony No. 5, Mov. 2 & 3

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HOW TO APPLY

Please send to the address below:

- 1) a 1-page resume including email and cell phone contact information (a cover letter is not necessary)
- 2) a \$50 deposit check payable to "Mercury"

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Attn: Judy Frow
3400 Main Street, #288
Houston, TX 77002

Deposit check: Checks will be held and returned when candidates arrive at the audition or will be destroyed if candidate withdraws before the withdrawal deadline (48 hours in advance). Upon receipt, Mercury Artistic Administrator, Judy Frow, will contact you to set-up an audition time. Auditions will be between 9 am and 2 pm.