



**AUDITION DATE AND TIME:** April 23, 2018

**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:**

NOTE: *Mercury* repertoire encompasses all eras but is primarily baroque and classical. We use period instruments. The minimum expectation of equipment for this audition is gut strings, no chin rest and period bows. We recommend A=430.

*Solo Requirements*

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

*Orchestral Requirements:*

- Bach: Brandenburg 3 & 6
- Beethoven: Symphony No. 5, Mov. 2
- Beethoven: Symphony No. 3, Mov. 3
- Mozart: Symphony No. 35, 4th mvt.
- Mendelssohn: A Midsummer Night's Dream, Scherzo

*Chamber Music (to be performed with Mercury musicians in the final round)*

- Haydn: String quartet Op. 76 #3 "Emperor" Mov. 1 & 2
- Schubert: Quartet Death and the Maiden, movement 1 & 2

*Mercury* is a professional chamber orchestra located in Houston, Texas. Now in its 17<sup>th</sup> season, *Mercury* presents a downtown subscription series, a neighborhood series in venues across the Houston Metropolitan area and educational/outreach programming as well as collaborations, chamber music, recording and touring opportunities. *Mercury* is a per-service orchestra featuring over 100 services per season at \$57/rehearsal hour and \$171 per service plus pension benefits and 10% principal premium. The successful applicant can expect to earn between \$27,000 and \$28,000 per year, which include optional education opportunities. More information about our upcoming season can be found at [www.mercuryhouston.org](http://www.mercuryhouston.org)

**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"

Mercury Auditions Attn:  
Production Office 3400  
Main Street, #288  
Houston, TX 77002

Deposit 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)