



Section Viola (3 Positions) October-December 2025

GENERAL AUDITION INFORMATION

Please read all of this information carefully and retain for your future reference. All questions regarding the audition and this information must be directed to the Orchestra Personnel Office only. We request that you do not contact members of the audition committee. The preferred method of contact is by email to auditions@pittsburghsymphony.org.

To apply for this audition, please **submit the online application form** on the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra's (PSO) website at www.pittsburghsymphony.org/auditions on or before the **deadline of Thursday, July 31, 2025**. All rounds of this audition will take place at Heinz Hall, 600 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. The Preliminary round of auditions are scheduled for October 18-20, 2025. The Semi-Final round of auditions is scheduled for October 21, 2025. Preliminary and Semi-Final rounds of the audition are screened.

The Final round is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, December 9. **Please await confirmation of your audition before making travel plans.** If any candidates join the audition for the Final round, the round will be divided into two segments; the first segment will be screened, and the screen will be removed for the second segment. The screen will be removed for the Final round if there are no new candidates.

Note we will be able to reimburse up to \$300 of travel (not lodging) for any candidate required to come to Pittsburgh for two (2) trips, i.e. anyone advancing from semi-finals into finals; reimbursement is not provided to anyone advanced directly to finals.

Deposits will not be required for this audition, but we kindly ask you to show courtesy to the audition committee by letting us know at least seven days prior to the audition date if you will not attend. **Candidates must show a photo ID upon check-in at the audition.**

Taped excerpts may be requested at the discretion of the Audition Committee and will be due **Monday, September 15, 2025**. Directions for submitting recordings will be communicated with the request for recording. **Recording repertoire is listed on page 3 of this document.**

POSITION DETAILS

There are three (3) Section Viola positions available. Note additional tenure-track or one-year positions may be offered as the result of this audition. Positions to begin by the mutual agreement of the PSO and winning candidate, but no later than August 17, 2026. Pay for the 2025-26 Season, through September 6, 2026, is at minimum orchestra weekly scale of \$2,237.74, and the annual Electronic Media Guarantee is \$2,072.40. Pay for the 2026-27 Season, September 7, 2026-September 5, 2027, is at minimum orchestra weekly scale of \$2,345.15, and the annual Electronic Media Guarantee is \$2,072.40. The PSO schedule has ten (10) collective vacation weeks for members each season, paid at the same rate as work weeks.

Any offer of full-time employment is contingent upon the successful completion of all background checks, as required by the Pittsburgh Symphony, Inc.

Musicians hired by the PSO are responsible for having and maintaining authorization to be employed in the United States of America, and to travel on international tours as a musician with the PSO. The PSO will act as sponsor for visa petitions for musicians who are offered or have positions as members of the orchestra, however it is the musician's responsibility to bear the costs associated with the petition and meet all required deadlines.

The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra is proud to be a partner orchestra of the National Alliance for Audition Support (NAAS). You may qualify for financial assistance from NAAS for this audition. More information can be found [here](#).



PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
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I) SOLO REPERTOIRE (2 required)

1. First movement of one of the following concerti:

BARTÓK	Viola Concerto
HINDEMITH	<i>Der Schwanendreher</i>
WALTON	Viola Concerto

AND

2. STAMITZ Viola Concerto
 o Movement I: Exposition

II) ORCHESTRAL EXCERPTS (ALL ARE TOP DIVISI ONLY)

BEETHOVEN	Symphony No. 3 o Movement III: First page
BEETHOVEN	Symphony No. 5 o Movement II: Beginning – m. 106
BRAHMS	Symphony No. 4 o Movement IV: [B] – [D]
BRAHMS	Variations on a Theme by Haydn o Variation V o Variation VII o Variation VIII
BRUCKNER	Symphony No. 4 o Movement II: m. 51 – m. 83; m. 155 – m. 187
COPLAND	<i>Appalachian Spring</i> Suite (full orchestra version) o [6] – 1 m. before [14]
MAHLER	Symphony No. 10 o Movement I: Beginning – [1]; [12] – [13]
MENDELSSOHN	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> : Scherzo o Beginning – [O]
MOZART	Symphony No. 35 o Movement IV: m. 134 – m. 181
RAVEL	<i>Daphnis and Chloe</i> Suite No. 2 o [158] – [166] o 3 m. after [212] – 1 m. after [216]
SHOSTAKOVICH	Symphony No. 5 o Movement I: 1 m. after [15] – [17]
STRAUSS	<i>Don Juan</i> o Beginning – [D]
STRAUSS	<i>Ein Heldenleben</i> o [77] – 4 m. after [79]
TCHAIKOVSKY	Symphony No. 6 o Movement I: m. 19 – 3 m. after [D]

*A complete packet of all excerpts will be made available to audition applicants when invitations are sent.
Sight-reading may be asked in any round of the audition. Repertoire list is subject to change.*

The official pitch of the PSO is A=440

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RECORDING REPERTOIRE

I) SOLO REPERTOIRE (2 required)

1. Four (4) minutes of the first movement of one of the following concerti:

BARTÓK	Viola Concerto
HINDEMITH	<i>Schwanendreher</i>
WALTON	Viola Concerto

AND

2. STAMITZ Viola Concerto
 - o Movement I: Exposition

II) ORCHESTRAL EXCERPTS (ALL ARE TOP DIVISI ONLY)

COPLAND	<i>Appalachian Spring</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">o [6] – [10]
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