

AUDITIONS FOR POSITIONS OF MUSICIANS AT THE CYPRUS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

RULES

1. Eligibility

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older on the date of the auditions.
Citizens of European Union member states and individuals who hold a valid work permit in Cyprus are eligible to apply.

2. Audition Venue and Dates:

16th of June 2026 until the 20th of June 2026

Pallas Theatre, Paphos Gate, Nicosia, Crossing Rigenis and Arsinois Streets.

(Note: Candidates will be informed about the Auditions start time in advance, and will have to arrive at the Auditions Venue at least 30 minutes before commencement)

3. Jury

The jury will consist of five members. The President of the committee is the Artistic Director - Conductor of the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra. The jury members are selected according to the Musicians Collective Agreement of the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra (Article 18.2). The 2nd Round will be conducted by vote of all members of the orchestra.

4. Decisions of the Jury

- 4.1 In reaching its decision, the jury will especially take into consideration the candidate's
 - Intonation
 - Rhythmical precision
 - Conformity to the composer's instructions (dynamics, tempo, other instructions written into the scores by the composer)
 - Musicality
- 4.2 Each jury member can mark with points from 1 to 10 for each candidate's performance.
- 4.3 The decision of the jury will be final and will not be subject to question, review, or appeal.
- 4.4 The jury reserves the right not to select any candidate for any of the announced positions.

5. Audition process

- 5.1 Candidates must arrive at the Audition Venue at least 30 minutes before the commencement of the auditions. Each candidate will be informed about his/her exact date and time of audition by the beginning of May 2026.

5.2 The auditions shall be conducted in two stages (First Round & Second Round), as announced in the Audition Announcement:

Upon completion of the First Round, the Examination Committee shall compile and announce a list of the successful candidates who will proceed to the 2nd Round. The three (3) highest-ranking candidates, based on the highest scores, shall advance to the 2nd Round.

Upon completion of the Second Round, the Examination Committee shall announce the candidates selected for each position.

5.3 The performance of each candidate may last for a maximum duration of 20 minutes.

5.4 The Examination Committee reserves the right to hear all or part of the musical repertoire prepared by the candidate.

6. Flight-Transportation-Accommodation

6.1 Candidates are responsible for their own travel arrangements and expenses incurred for their participation in the auditions.

6.2 Neither the CySOF (Cyprus Symphony Orchestra Foundation), nor its administrative staff or any other person involved in any way in the auditions process, either in the organization or the jury, is liable for covering or refunding the applicants for any of their expenses.

7. Piano accompaniment

7.1 Candidates are entitled to appear at the audition accompanied by their own pianist.

7.2 Candidates who wish to be provided with a pianist by the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra Foundation for their audition must indicate this in their application. The fee of the accompanying pianist for rehearsals shall be borne by the candidate. The Foundation will cover the fee of the pianist it provides only for the audition. The Foundation will not cover any fee for a pianist who has not been appointed by the Foundation.

7.3 Candidates will be informed of the exact time of their rehearsal with the pianist (whether of their own choice or provided by the Foundation) at Pallas Theatre approximately one month before the audition.

Note: Each candidate is entitled to a 20-minute rehearsal with the pianist at the Pallas Theatre.

8. Miscellaneous

8.1 In case of non-compliance with, or violation of any part of these rules, or tampering with the entry process, or the audition process, the jury reserves the right to disqualify and/or exclude, any candidates from the auditions.

8.2 Non-acceptance of the Audition Rules will automatically result in the candidate's disqualification.

8.3 The CySOF reserves the right to amend the rules, notifying the candidates accordingly, should it consider it necessary so to do.



8.4 The acceptance of the Auditions Rules needs to be signed by the candidate and sent to a.antoniou@cyso.org.cy with all supporting documents by the **23rd of April 2026**.

Candidate's Statement

I the undersigned

(Candidate's Name and Surname with Capital Letters), (instrument).....

hereby confirm that I have read, understood, and accept the Audition Rules and Conditions.

Place and Date

Signature

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