

Symphony San Jose invites highly qualified candidates to apply for the open position of Concertmaster.

The Concertmaster is a visible artistic leader of Symphony San Jose, working closely with the Executive Artistic Director and guest conductors in shaping the artistic personality of the orchestra and musical interpretation of each individual piece performed.

Specific responsibilities may include:

Serving as the first chair violinist/principal of the first violin section
Acting as a liaison between the conductor and the orchestra, translating the conductor's musical requests into technical instructions for musicians
Marking all first violin parts with bowings to ensure that the section plays in unison, and coordinating with other string principals on the bowings for their sections
Serving as a member of audition committees for any titled string chair, as well as any section violin position
Establishing the order of the first violin sub list
Participating in tenure meetings involving probationary members of the first violin section and all titled strings
Serving on the orchestra's Artistic Committee
Upon request, performing solo and chamber works
Participating in fundraising, marketing, and public relations activities
Meeting with the Executive Artistic Director, guest conductors, principal musicians of the orchestra, and musicians of

Preliminary auditions will take place in San Jose on Monday, May 12, 2025. Initial rounds, conducted behind a screen, will consist of the first movement of two standard concertos, select concertmaster solos, and tutti first violin excerpts (see attached repertoire list). Select candidates will be invited to perform chamber music with musicians from Symphony San Jose in an unscreened round.

the first violin section as needed to foster the development of the Symphony's artistic product and general welfare

Candidates advanced as finalists will be invited to return to play one week with Symphony San Jose during the 2025/2026 season. In addition to that week's repertoire, finalists will perform select concerto, concerto grosso, and concertmaster solos with the orchestra in a closed final round audition.

To apply, please send a resume and refundable \$50 deposit check made payable to "Symphony San Jose" postmarked no later than Friday, March 28, 2025 to:

Nick Nichols, Director of Operations Symphony San Jose P.O. Box 790 San Jose, CA 95106-0790

Now in its 23rd season, Symphony San Jose's unique artistic identity has enabled it to become one of Silicon Valley's premier cultural institutions. Comprised of some of the best musicians in the Bay Area, the Symphony's innovative business model utilizes a roster of distinguished guest conductors in lieu of a resident music director. With an annual operating budget of \$4 million, the Symphony offers a subscription series at San Jose's majestic California Theatre, education and community activities, and a variety of special programming. The Concertmaster is a tenure-track position governed by the collective bargaining agreement between the Symphony and AFM, Local 6. Concertmaster compensation for the 2025/2026 season will be \$370 per service, with approximately 60 services offered.

Questions about the position or the audition may be addressed to nnichols@symphonysanjose.org.

Thank you for your interest in Symphony San Jose!



CONCERTMASTER AUDITION - PRELIMINARY REPERTOIRE Monday, May 12, 2025

SOLO:

MOZART Concerto 3, 4, or 5 (1st movement with cadenza)

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1st movement exposition of a standard, Romantic concerto of the candidate's choice

FIRST VIOLIN SOLOS:

J.S. BACH B Minor Mass "Laudamus Te"

BRAHMS Symphony No. 1 Mvt. II: 1 before [E] to end

RIMSKY-KORSAKOV Capriccio espagnole Mvt. III: solo

RIMSKY-KORSAKOV Scheherazade Mvts. II, III, & IV: solos

R. STRAUSS Ein Heldenleben 1 after [22] to [31]

ORCHESTRAL EXCERPTS (1st Violin):

BARTOK Concerto for Orchestra Mvt. I: mm. 51-63; 76-135

CLYNE Masquerade 4 before [Q] to 2 after [S]

BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 9 Mvt. III: mm. 99-114

BRAHMS Symphony No. 4 Mvt. I: m. 392 to end

MOZART Symphony No. 39 Mvt. IV: beginning to m. 78

PROKOFIEV Symphony No. 1 Mvt. I: beginning to [H]

SCHUMANN Symphony No. 2 Mvt. II: beginning to m. 54

SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No. 5 Mvt. I: [9] to [12]

CHAMBER MUSIC:

BRAHMS String Quartet No. 1 Mvt. I: beginning to m. 133

SHOSTAKOVICH String Quartet No. 8 Mvt. I: beginning to 2 before [7]

(quintet arrangement with bass) Mvt. II: beginning to 1 before [22]

Violine I. 8 Nr. 5. "Laudamus" (Arie für Mezzosopran oder Alt). Andante maestoso. Violine Solo. 2. Pult Violine I.





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Violine I.





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1. Violinen.







CONCERTO FOR ORCHESTRA



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Beethoven — Symphony No. 9 Violino I



Violine I



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Violine I





Sergei Prokofiev Symphony No. 1 in D Major, Op. 25 Classical

VIOLIN I



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QUARTETT I







Violino I

Памяти жертв фашизма и войны

In Memory of the Victims of Fascism and War





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