



WEST VALLEY SYMPHONY AUDITIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Fellow Musicians:

Please note upcoming auditions for one 1st Violin and five 2nd Violin Section players, one 2nd Bassoon Section **and one Double Bass** player for the West Valley Symphony for the 2016-2017 (48th) season.
For all audition rounds candidates play behind a screen.

VIOLIN I OR II and **DOUBLE BASS**

Saturday, September 24, 2016

Check in 9:00 AM to approximately 1:30 PM

Deadline to apply:

September 22, 2015 5:00 PM

Mountain Ridge High School

22800 N 67th Avenue, Glendale AZ 85310

BASSOON II

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Check in 1:00 PM to approximately 4:30 PM

Deadline to apply:

September 27, 2016 5:00 PM

Phoenix Boys Choir

1131 E Missouri Ave, Phoenix AZ 85014

Winning candidates are expected to commit to at least 4 of the 5 scheduled performances. **You must be a citizen of the United States or have a Green Card to audition.** For the complete rehearsal, sound check, concert schedule scroll to the bottom of this page and click on the Clef mark. This is a per-service orchestra and the pay scale for 2016-2017 is as follows:

Section Player	
Rehearsal Pay	51
Sound Check Pay	26
Concert Pay	66
Typical Cycle Pay for Section:*	245
* Typical Cycle is 3 rehearsals, 1 Sound Check and Concert. NOTE: one additional rehearsal in for Bartok in February.	

Excerpts for your instruments are available at the bottom of this web page (be aware that this list may change slightly, so be sure to check the website this summer for any repertoire selection changes).

In addition to these vacant positions we will be auditioning for our general sub list to increase our list of qualified players. Musicians who have already played with us will not have to audition and will not lose their spot on the current sub list. If you are interested in auditioning for other substitute positions, please check the audition listings below and look for the application. I will contact you upon receipt of the application. If you have questions, please contact me at desertreed10@gmail.com or (602) 620-6546.

Best wishes and Best of luck,

Tony Masiello
Orchestra Personnel Manager
West Valley Symphony



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The West Valley Symphony conducts auditions in the following manner:

- Candidates are required to sign in at the audition site one half hour prior to when the audition is to begin. The audition steward will be there to sign in all the candidates.
- Fifteen minutes before the audition starts, the audition committee will give the candidates the first round of excerpts to be played.
- The candidates will draw numbers from a hat or basket to determine the order in which each candidate will appear before the audition committee.
- Warm up is allowed in the reception area where the candidates sign in or in the private practice rooms available. Those closest to playing their respective auditions will be given precedence in the use of the private rooms.
- At the appropriate moment, each candidate will be escorted by the audition steward from the warm up area to the audition room.
- To preserve anonymity, all candidates will play behind a screen and soft soled shoes must be worn by all candidates.
- Instruments must be tuned before entering the audition room.
- The candidates will play only the excerpts selected by the audition committee and in the given order.
- Only Mr. Kellogg, the Music Director, and the audition steward are allowed to talk in the audition room. If the candidate is not certain about any part of the process, he or she must speak to the audition steward outside the audition area.
- It is possible that more than one round may be necessary to declare a winner. Therefore all candidates must wait to be dismissed from the audition site by the audition steward.
- Sight reading may be used to break a tie.
- Winning candidates will be announced immediately following the audition. Candidates will have checked the WVS web site in advance of the audition for concert dates and will know whether or not they can commit to at least four of the five concert programs to be presented by the WVS during the 2016-2017 season.