

2010-2011 Audition Information

Flute



1. Solo piece. Prepare a polished, recital-ready, unaccompanied solo piece. You may play any work of your choice, but the level of difficulty should be an accurate representation of your technical and artistic ability. Remember, it is not *what* you play that matters most, but how *well* you play. Your solo piece need not be memorized. You may be asked to stop playing before you reach the end of your prepared piece; if this happens, please understand that it is only in the interest of time, not a reflection of your playing.

2. Excerpts. Play one excerpt, included in this packet, closest to your ability level. If you are unfamiliar with the excerpts, consult with your private teacher or a coach who is familiar with them. It is recommended that you also listen to a recording or live performance of the piece in order to give yourself proper tempo and musical context. As with your solo piece, the performance of your excerpt should be an accurate representation of your technical and artistic ability.

With your solo and/or your prepared excerpt, you may be asked to play it again in a different manner (slower, faster, more lyrically, etc.). Please regard this as evidence of your musical flexibility, which will weigh heavily on the success of your audition.

3. Scales & technique. All required scales must be memorized. Automatically play the corresponding arpeggios to a scale, if required.

PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Scales: ALL major & natural minor scales in 1 octave. Technique: Must be able to produce a clear, full tone. Must demonstrate a beginning use of vibrato where traditionally used.

REPERTORY ORCHESTRA Scales: ALL major & minor (harmonic, melodic & natural) scales in 2 octaves. Technique: Must have begun work on continuous vibrato. Must be able to double & triple tongue at the following speeds: 8th note triplets at $\text{♩} = 72-80$, 16th notes at $\text{♩} = 132-140$. NOTE: Students placed on flute may be asked to play piccolo with this orchestra at some point during the season.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Scales: ALL major & minor (harmonic, melodic & natural) scales and corresponding arpeggios in 2 octaves. Technique: Must be able to play with continuous vibrato; must be able to double & triple tongue at the following speeds: 8th note triplets at $\text{♩} = 92$, 16th notes at $\text{♩} = 152$. Some piccolo skills are required for this orchestra.

4. Sight-reading. Sight-reading for all orchestras will include complex rhythms relative to the level of orchestra.

5. Orchestra placement. Student placement is competitive and is ranked in order of artistic quality. Those qualities include superiority of tone, intonation, vibrato (as appropriate), dynamic range, musicality and general accuracy. Although a student may be able to perform all the requirements for a particular orchestra, he or she may still not qualify based on the level of competition in a given year.

6. Auditions are closed to the public, including parents and families.

7. Prior participation in the Minnesota Youth Symphonies is no guarantee of placement.

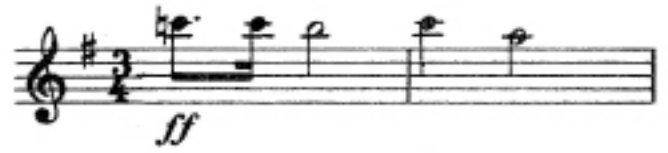
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PHILHARMONIC EXCERPT:

Swan Lake: Suite by Piotr Tchaikovsky

VIII. Mazurka

Tempo: ♩ = 126



REPERTORY & SYMPHONY EXCERPT:

Symphony No. 10 by Dmitri Shostakovich

Tempo: ♩ = 148 - 168

This musical score excerpt consists of ten staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The key signature is G major, and the tempo is marked as ♩ = 148 - 168. The score begins at measure 203, which is marked with a forte (ff) dynamic. The music features a complex, rhythmic melody with many slurs and ties. Measure 204 is marked with a fortissimo (fff) dynamic. The score includes some rests, with a '2' above a rest in measure 6 and a '1' above a rest in measure 7. The excerpt concludes at measure 206, which is also marked with a forte (ff) dynamic.