

2019-2020 Audition Information

Harp



1. Solo piece. Prepare a polished, recital-ready, unaccompanied solo piece that demonstrates your technical ability. A slow, non-technical solo must be contrasted with a faster, more technical solo. You may play any work of your choice. Remember, it is not what you play that matters most but how well you play. Your solo piece need not be memorized but the entire piece should be performance-ready. You may be asked to stop playing before you reach the end of your prepared piece or asked to play only a particular section. If this happens, please understand that it is only in the interest of time and 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 excerpt, 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 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 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.

PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Scales: Harpists are required to know the following major scales: A, Ab, Bb, C, E, Eb, F in two octaves, hands separately. Harpists should know the following minor scales: a, b, c#, c, d, e, g, f# & g in two octaves, hands separately.

REPERTORY ORCHESTRA Scales: ALL major & minor (natural) scales in two octaves.

Technique: Must be able to produce a full, clear tone.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Scales: ALL major & minor (harmonic, melodic & natural) scales in two octaves.

Technique: Must be able to produce a full, clear tone.

4. Sight-reading. Sight-reading for all orchestras will include complex rhythms relative to the level of orchestra. Feel free to tell the conductor which orchestra you are trying out for.

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.

ARPA 2.^a LA FORZA DEL DESTINO

N^o 1 ATTO I.^o

1. PRELUDIO O SINFONIA

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ALLEGRO

ALL.^o AGITATO PRESTO **A** **I.^o TEMPO**

B **ANDANTINO** **C** **AND.^o MOSSO** **D** **PRESTO COME PRIMA** **E**

AND.^o come prima **CLARINETTO** **OBOE** **FLAUTO**

G ALL.^o BRILLANTE

ARPA

Musical notation for the first system of the Harp 2 part, measures 1-5. The music is in G major and 3/4 time. The left hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment, while the right hand plays chords and single notes.

Musical notation for the second system of the Harp 2 part, measures 6-10. The right hand continues with more complex chordal patterns and melodic lines.

Musical notation for the third system of the Harp 2 part, measures 11-15. The piece becomes more technically demanding with rapid sixteenth-note passages in both hands.

Musical notation for the fourth system of the Harp 2 part, measures 16-20. The right hand features intricate chordal textures.

H **I** **J** **L** **M** **VIOLINI**

Musical notation for the fifth system of the Harp 2 part, measures 21-25. This system includes fingerings and string numbers for the harp.

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Symphony Harp Excerpt

GIUSEPPE VERDI

ARPA I.^a LA FORZA DEL DESTINO

1. PRELUDIO O SINFONIA

N.º 1 ATTO I.º

ALLEGRO

in one

3 **VUOTA** **3** **VUOTA**

ALL.º AGITATO
PRESTO **A**

I.º TEMPO

16 **18** **3** **VUOTA** **3** **VUOTA**

B **ANDANTINO**

C **AND.º MOSSO**

D **PRESTO COME**
PRIMA

E

in 4

16 **VUOTA** **15** **18** **21**

F **AND.º come prima**
CLARINETTO

OBOE

FLAUTO

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C ALI.° BRILLANTE

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H **I** **J** **L** **M** **VIOLINI**

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Musical staff 1: Treble and bass clefs with notes and rests.

Musical staff 2: Treble and bass clefs with notes and rests.

Musical staff 3: Treble and bass clefs with notes and rests.

Musical staff 4: Treble and bass clefs with notes and rests.

Musical staff 5: Treble and bass clefs with notes and rests, ending with a double bar line.

PIÙ ANIMATO

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