

Yomiuri Nippon Symphony Orchestra – Audition Details

Position

Harp (1 position)

Qualifications

- Applicants must have performance ability and dignity to be a member of our orchestra.
- If the applicant is a student (including those of a graduate or postgraduate school, academy, etc., as well as schools other than music) as of October 13, 2022, two recommendation letters from their teachers/professors must be submitted. Each letter should be enclosed with the application form.

Dates

- The audition will be held for applicants living in Japan and overseas as described below. Applicants cannot audition via recorded materials.
- Applicants must cover their own travel expenses.

[First-round Audition]

Wednesday November 16, 2022

[Spare Day]

Tuesday November 15, 2022

- If there is a large number of applicants, the First-round Audition will take place on November 15 as well. Applicants cannot choose the date/time of audition.

[Second-round Audition]

Thursday November 17, 2022

Place

Yomiuri Nippon Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal Hall (Asao-ku, Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa, Japan)

- Each applicant's audition slot time and a map of the venue will be sent later.

Audition Pieces

- Our orchestra will arrange the harp for this audition.
- No accompanist (Pianist) is required for this audition.
- For both auditions, the pieces/parts to be played will be assigned on audition days.

[First-round audition]

Assigned pieces:

- G.F. Händel / Harp Concerto in B-flat major HWV294, op.4-6, all movements (without cadenza)

Orchestral pieces:

- The orchestral pieces will be presented after the application period closes.

[Second-round audition]

Orchestral pieces:

- The orchestral pieces will be presented after the application period closes.

✕In the second-round, there are assignments for solo performance and performance with the orchestra.

Successful Applicant (Candidate)

- An applicant who passes the audition shall take a medical examination given by our designated doctor.
- A six-month probationary period is required for the candidate. During this period, performance fees will be paid based on internal regulations.
- After completion of the probationary period, the candidate will be interviewed by the orchestra's management, before being employed as a permanent member. A final decision on acceptance/rejection will be made based on our criteria, with the candidate's performance ability scrutinized.

Conditions

- The initial salary for a permanent member (in the case of a 23-year-old, as of 2022): JPY279,000/month (approx.)before tax; including allowances. For those who have played in a professional orchestra, such experience may be reflected in the salary.
- A permanent member is paid in the form of salary. The salary and bonus amounts may vary depending on economic circumstances and other factors. The bonus will change based on the length of service.
- Retirement age: 60 years old

Application

To receive an application form, please send an email to audition@yomikyo.or.jp, with the subject "Audition (Harp) – Request for Application Form". Please fill out the application form and send it to the address below.

- Please write in English.
- Please note that application documents will not be returned.

The documents should be sent to:

Yomiuri Nippon Symphony Orchestra (Audition)

6F Nishiki-cho Trad Square, 3-20 Kandnishiki-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-0054, Japan

The Application Closing Date:

Applications must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. (Japan time) on Thursday October 13, 2022.**

To avoid post-related difficulties, please send your documents as follows:

-From within Japan

Applications must be sent by registered mail. Please do not send by regular mail.

-From abroad

Applications must first be sent by email, and then sent via Express Mail Service (EMS), FedEx, or DHL no later than **Thursday September 29, 2022.** We do not accept other methods of delivery.

Entry into Japan

Applicants residing abroad must comply with the rules of the Japanese Government to prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection when entering Japan.

To prevent infection

Our audition will be held while taking the utmost measures to prevent infection and spread of the coronavirus. Applicants will be required to submit a record of body temperatures and physical condition two weeks before the audition. Details will be announced to the applicants after the application period closes.

Contact for inquiries

Application form requests and inquiries are responded to on weekdays only.

Email: audition@yomikyo.or.jp

Also, please visit our website for general information about the orchestra.

Website: <https://yomikyo.or.jp/e/>