

# Yomiuri Nippon Symphony Orchestra – Audition Details

**Position** Principal Bassoon (1 opening)

## **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 March 13, 2024, 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] Saturday, April 20, 2024

[Spare Day] Friday, April 19, 2024

\*If there is a large number of applicants, the First-round Audition will take place on both days.

Applicants cannot choose the date/time of audition.

[Second-round Audition] Tuesday, April 23, 2024

## **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**

- Please bring your own accompanist.
- For both auditions, the pieces/parts to be played will be assigned at the audition.

[Both for First-round and Second-round auditions]

Assigned pieces:

- W. A. Mozart: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> movements of Bassoon Concerto (with cadenza/any edition accepted)
  - Orchestra piece: We will announce after the application period closes.
- \*Applicants who pass the Second-round audition may be requested to take the Third-round audition by playing with our orchestra at concerts.

## **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 completing 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 2023): JPY300,000/month (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](mailto:audition@yomikyo.or.jp) with the subject “Audition (Principal Bassoon) – Request for Application Form”. Please fill out the application form and send 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 Kandanishiki-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-0054, Japan

Application Deadline:

Applications must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. (Japan time) on Wednesday, March 13, 2024.**

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, February 29, 2024.** We do not accept other methods of delivery.

## **Entry into Japan**

Applicants residing abroad must comply with the entry rules of the Japanese Government.

## **Contact for inquiries**

Application form requests and inquiries are responded on weekdays only.

Email: [audition@yomikyo.or.jp](mailto:audition@yomikyo.or.jp)

Please visit our website for general information about the orchestra.

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