Yomiuri Nippon Symphony Orchestra - Audition Details

Position

Assistant Principal 2nd Violin (a few positions)

・In principle, this position is to perform at the 2nd desk and top side of the 2nd violin.

Qualifications

・Each applicant must have both performance capability and style that are appropriate for an orchestral player.

・If the applicant is a student (including a student of graduate/postgraduate school, academy, etc.) as of 24 December 2026, it is required to submit two recommendation letters from his/her teachers/professors. Each letter should be put in an envelope and enclosed with the application form.

Dates

- The audition will be held for both applicants living within Japan and overseas alike only in the manner described below. Applicants cannot audition via recorded materials.
- Travel expenses are to be borne by each applicant.

[First-round Audition]

Wednesday, 3 February 2027

[Spare Day]

Tuesday, 2 February 2027

- If there are a large number of applicants, the First-round Audition will take place on 2 February as well. Applicants cannot choose the date/time to audition.

[Second-round Audition]

Thursday, 4 February 2027

*As part of the third round of auditions, the applicant may be asked to perform in orchestra concerts.

Place

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

- The exact time of each applicant's audition slot and the map of the venue will be sent later.

Audition Pieces

- Please bring your own accompanist (pianist) for both auditions.

[First-round Audition]

Assigned piece:

・W.A. Mozart / Violin Concerto No. 4, K.218, 1st movement (Cadenza: J. Joachim) and 2nd Movement

・W.A. Mozart / Violin Concerto No. 5, K.219, 1st movement (Cadenza: J. Joachim) and 2nd Movement

*The applicant should play either one of the above pieces. (Please specify which to play in the designated area in the application form.)

Orchestral pieces:

The orchestral pieces will be announced after the application is closed.

[Second-round Audition]

Assigned piece:

・L.V. Beethoven / Violin Concerto, Op. 61, 1st Movement

*Cadenza: Optional (Please specify in the designated area in the application form.)

Orchestral pieces:

The orchestral pieces will be announced after the application is closed.

- For both First and Second-round auditions, pieces/parts to play will be assigned from the list on the days of the audition.

Successful Applicant (Candidate)

・The applicant who has passed the audition is required to have a medical examination by the orchestra's designated doctor.

・The candidate is required to serve a six-month probationary period. During this probationary period, performance fees will be paid based upon the internal regulations.

・After completion of the probationary period, the candidate will have an interview with the orchestra's management before being employed as a permanent member. The final decision on acceptance/rejection will be made based on the orchestra's criteria, with the candidate's performance ability scrutinized.

Conditions

・The initial salary for a permanent member (in a case of a 23-year-old, as of 2026): JPY266,000/month (before tax; Assistant Principal allowance will be paid additionally.) The experience will be considered for his/her salary scale for a person with experience in a professional orchestra/orchestras.

・A permanent member is paid in the form of salary. The amount of salary and bonus may vary reflecting economic situations and other factors. The amount of the bonus will change based on the length of service.

・Retirement age: 60 years old

Application

To get an application form, please send an email to the address below, with the subject "Audition (Assistant Principal 2nd Violin) – Request for Application Form". Please include the applicant's name and address to which the document should be sent. Please fill out the application form and send it to the address below.

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

[From within Japan]

The application must be received no later than **Thursday, 24 December 2026**. Please send the documents by registered mail.

[From abroad]

The application must be sent off no later than **Thursday, 10 December 2026**. We will only accept applications sent via Express Mail Service (EMS), FedEx, or DHL.

Please send the application documents to:

Yomiuri Nippon Symphony Orchestra

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

Contact for inquiries

Inquiries are responded only on weekdays.

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Please visit our website for general information about the orchestra.

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