

TOKYO METROPOLITAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: AUDITION

Position

Horn (3rd, 1st player) 1 (one)

Qualification

• Anyone who has the ability to be a player of a professional orchestra regardless of age and nationality

Application

① Document and Video Screening

Deadline: Application must arrive no later than Thursday, December 11, 2025.

***For preparing the Video, record the listed works below, upload it to YouTube and submit.**

***For application, please see “How to apply” below.**

The order of pieces for Video screening is to be as follows.

(The parts (music) should be prepared by the applicant him/herself.)

【Set Piece】

Mozart / Horn Concerto No. 4 in E-flat major, K. 495, 1st movement up to just before the Cadenza. (Piano accompaniment for the video screening is optional and will not be subject to the screening)

【Orchestra Experts】 [3rd Horn]

1. R.Strauss : Till Eulenspiegels lustige Streiche op.28

From the 19th bar of to 7 (seven) bars before

2. Mendelssohn : Symphony No.3 in A minor, op.56

From the 6th bar of to 3 (three) bars before

※How to upload video to YouTube – see the official link below for help

【Japanese】 <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/57407?hl=jp>

【English】 <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/57407?hl=en>

[Guideline to video recording]

※Video must be shot in 1 (one) take and 1 (one) track. Everything must be videotaped on the same day at the same place. Applicant is free to take breaks between the pieces, but be sure to stay in the screen.

※Video must be shot by a fixed camera (no editing) and the applicant's face, hands and the instrument have to be clearly visible. Audition videos that are suspected to have been edited will be disqualified.

※Utmost care must be taken so that there will be no background noise that might affect the screening.

※Be sure to check the overall image and sound quality before submitting. Poor recording quality may result in disqualification.

★Result of the Document / Video Screening will be sent on Thursday, January 15, 2026 by email. (1st round audition schedule and the orchestra excerpts will be notified to the successful applicants.)

Email will be sent from audition@tmsso.or.jp. Make sure that your email is set to receive messages from this address. If you have problems with the reception, contact the person in charge of the audition below.

② 1st round audition (held for successful applicants of Document / Video screening)

Friday, February 20, 2026

【Set Piece】 Edition is not specified

Mozart / Horn Concerto No. 4 in E-flat major, K. 495, 1st movement with Cadenza,

*Applicant will be asked to play the specified parts.

【Orchestra Experts】 several pieces

After the 1st round audition, screening for Orchestra Excerpts is scheduled for the successful applicants of the 1st round on the same day. (Announcement will be made around 12:00 for the morning part and around 15:00 for the afternoon part.) The time for the announcement may vary a little depending on the number of applicants. There is no need for the piano accompanist to join the Orchestra Excerpts screening.

③ 2nd round audition (held for successful applicants of the 1st round audition)

Date is yet to be scheduled

【Set Pieces】 Edition is not specified

Mozart / Horn Concerto No. 4 in E-flat major, K. 495, 1st movement with Cadenza

R. Strauss / Horn Concerto No. 1 op.11 the entire concerto

*Applicant will be asked to play the specified parts from the entire concerto

【Orchestra Excerpts】 several excerpts

④ Aptitude evaluation for an orchestra player (held for successful applicants of the 2nd round audition)

* To be engaged in the services of the TMSO (In principle within 5 months period)

* Fee is provided in accordance with the TMSO regulation

Audition Venues

②Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre, TMSO rehearsal studio

③④Respective concert halls where TMSO concerts are held

Notification for Results

- Results for the 1st round audition will be notified on Friday, February 20, 2026
- Results for the 2nd round audition will be notified on the day of the audition
- Results for the aptitude evaluation will be notified immediately after screening.

Interview

Held for applicants by the executives of the TMSO management before or after the Aptitude evaluation for an orchestra player.

How to Apply

Email your resume -use the resume format specified by TMSO- including names of teachers, musical experiences with ID photo attached, and your URL for Video screening at audition@tmsu.or.jp no later than 5:00pm (Japan local time), Thursday, December 11, 2025. Audition department will send you a confirmation when your application is received. If you have not heard from the audition department after several days from the day you applied, please contact the person in charge of the audition stated below.

*Applicants applying from outside of Tokyo Metropolitan Area may consult the

audition time for the 1st round audition. In such case, please note the preferred time in the Resume.

*The resume and Video will be used solely for the purpose of the audition and will not be returned.

* Download resume form from [here](#) →

Terms of employment

- Annual Salary: JPY5,190,000 and over. (additional fees in accordance with working experience and achievements)

[Initial three(3)-year contract with; renewal of contract, system of conversion to an unlimited term contract. No retirement allowance is provided]

- Commuting allowance, expenses for expendables, maintenance, and repairs of instruments are provided.
- Social Insurance (health insurance, employees pension insurance, employment insurance) provided
- Workplace includes Tokyo Bunka Kaikan and various other places in Japan.
- Secondhand Smoke Detectors are installed. (no smoking allowed on the premises of Tokyo Bunka Kaikan)

*For candidates who cannot begin work immediately because of being a student or for any other reasons may consult.

Others

- **Applicants should bring his/her own piano accompanist needed for the 1st and 2nd round auditions. (For applicants who find it difficult to bring his/her accompanist due to residing overseas or outside Tokyo Metropolitan Area, TMSO will arrange an accompanist if needed. Please be sure to state so in the entry column for accompanist)**

- **Applicant should be responsible for his/her expenses for transportation, travel and accommodation.**

Contact information

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※When emailing your application, please state “Application for Horn Audition” for the email subject line.

※For inquiries email at: audition@tmsso.or.jp