



MPO Orchestral Auditions 2017

Information Pack

The Malta Philharmonic Orchestra

The Malta Philharmonic Orchestra is recognised as the foremost professional musical institution on the Maltese islands, bringing together the best of Maltese talent and musicians hailing from ten other countries. Since its inception in 1968, the Orchestra has been under the direction of Malta's most prominent musicians as its resident and principal conductors. In September 2014 internationally acclaimed conductor Brian Schembri was appointed Principal Conductor and Artistic Director.

The orchestra's extensive calendar of events, places the MPO as Malta's leading cultural ambassador. Performing in more than 70 concerts a year, including regular symphonic concerts annual opera productions, community outreach programmes and a number of concerts of a lighter musical genre in various prominent venues around the islands. The MPO also collaborates with foreign orchestras and opera companies, leading to various cultural exchange programmes. Over the last couple of seasons the MPO undertook its first tour to China, with performances in eight major cities, as well as performances at the Expo 2015 in Milan and at the Alte Oper in Frankfurt. This season the MPO has performed at the Vatican in Rome, Bozar in Brussels and the Musikverein in Vienna.

Vacancies for Orchestral Musicians

The Malta Philharmonic Orchestra is currently accepting invitations for the positions of

- **Clarinet** (Sub-principal) 3 years definite contract
- **Cor Anglais** (doubling Oboe) 3 years definite contract

Details of instrumental position

- Sub-principal Clarinet – to play 2nd clarinet, acting principal clarinet when necessary, and with an obligation to play Bass Clarinet. Preference will be given to candidates who can also perform well on E-flat clarinet. An informal audition on the Bass Clarinet will be held during the probation period. Candidate must be in possession of his own Bass Clarinet.
- Cor Anglais – to play as solo Cor Anglais, doubling as 2nd or 3rd Oboe and with the obligation to play 2nd or 3rd Oboe when required.

Position Requirements

- Professional musician, with extensive experience in orchestral playing
- Qualifications: Music College Degree, Conservatory Diploma or University Degree in Music Performance

Application Requirements

Interested candidates are required to send in the following material to our MPO Offices

1. Completed Application Form
2. Detailed Curriculum Vitae
3. Copies of Relevant Qualifications
4. Video Recording*

*Candidates are invited to send us a video recording of themselves performing a selection of orchestral extracts and/or solo playing with or without piano accompaniment. Recording may include performances chosen from the audition repertoire requirements or any similar repertoire, and should not be longer than 10 minutes.

Candidates may send links to your video recordings online, or send us the file via bulk transfer.

Completed application forms and supporting material need to reach the MPO offices by no later than 5:00 pm (CET) on **Thursday 18th May 2017**.

Application packs should be addressed to:

The Chairman
Malta Philharmonic Orchestra
1, Triq John Lopez
Floriana FRN1400, Malta

Or sent via email to: operationscoordinator@maltaorchestra.com

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an audition in Malta, which will take place on the 16th and 19th of June 2017. Successful candidates will be informed by the end of the week, and a starting date will be discussed and agreed.

The decisions of the adjudicating panels for both the shortlisting and audition rounds are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Orchestral Excerpts

Please download the full list of audition repertoire and orchestral excerpts for your specific instrument from www.maltaorchestra.com/jobs

Candidates are required to select music for both rounds of the audition and include your choice of selected pieces in your application form.

Salary and Benefits

Orchestral Musicians' Salary for 2017 according to CA are as follows:

- Rank & File € 15,972 (Annual Increment €354 up to maximum €18,096)
- Sub Principal € 17,022 (Annual Increment €375 up to maximum €19,272)
- Section Principal €18,129 (Annual Increment €407, up to maximum €20,571)

In addition to the basic salary, orchestral musicians are entitled to a production allowance, and there are also various opportunities throughout the year to benefit from ad hoc work through orchestral and chamber music performances as well as involvement in teaching or music education.

Full-time orchestral musicians are entitled for 20 days of annual leave during the Easter and Summer recess, with an additional 5 days of optional vacation leave. MPO Musicians also benefit from orchestral instrument insurance and allowances for using their own instrument.

The contract will be on a 3 year definite contract, with a probation period of 1 year

Living in Malta

Renowned for its warm and sunny climate, the Mediterranean island of Malta is a great place to visit, but it is also a fantastic place for one to live and work, not least because of its many lifestyle benefits.

Living costs in Malta are still relatively cheap when compared with other European countries. For example, one can still find rented accommodation for less than €500 per month, with no additional council tax and very low utility bills. There is excellent public and private health care, with EU citizens residing in Malta entitled to free health care from hospitals and clinics. Public transport is efficient and reliable, servicing both main islands, while the Malta International Airport offers regular flights to most European cities.

Malta is also currently experiencing a cultural regeneration, making it a very interesting and exciting place for artists and musicians to live in. With the EU Presidency in 2017 and Valletta being nominated the European Capital of Culture for 2018, Malta is indeed thriving with culture and the arts.

Further information about Malta and living in Malta can be accessed on these websites:

<http://www.visitmalta.com/>

<http://internationalliving.com/countries/malta/living-in-malta/>

<https://www.gov.mt/en/Life%20Events/Moving-to-Malta/Pages/Moving-to-Malta.aspx>