



MPO Orchestral Auditions 2016

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 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. Last season the MPO undertook its first tour to China, with performances in eight major cities. This season the orchestras has performed at the Expo 2015 in Milan and at the Alte Oper in Frankfurt, with similar performances planned at the Vatican in Rome and the Musikverein in Vienna for the 2016-2017 concert season.

Vacancies for Orchestral Musicians

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

- **Viola** (Sub-principal) 3 years definite contract
- **Viola** (Tutti/Rank & File) 3 years definite contract

Application process

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

Completed application forms and supporting material need to reach the MPO offices by no later than 12:00 noon (CET) on **Monday 8th of August 2016**.

Application packs should be addressed to:

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

Or sent via email to: operations@maltaorchestra.com

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

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an audition in Malta, which will take place between the 14th and 15th September 2016. 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 2016 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)
- 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>