

NVSO Video Audition Instructions

Thank you for preparing to audition for NVSO!! Many of us have bad memories of auditions and “juries,” or simply lots of anxiety just hearing the word “audition.” But, in the world of performing arts, it is a part of the fabric of what we do. And as a conductor, I absolutely need to know how well each member of the orchestra can play. Thank you so much for giving me that consideration and courtesy. In return, I vow to make the audition process as “painless” as possible.

Auditions videos will be reviewed by the Musical Director, Concertmaster, and the appropriate principal and/or section leader.

All players should prepare and record:

1. **Solo Piece:** This solo piece (or excerpt from a piece) of your choice should be representative of your overall musical and technical ability. Solos and excerpts should be no more than 2 minutes in length. Choose a piece that you are comfortable with, and has both a technically challenging section, and a more lyric section that can demonstrate your expression.

2. **Scales:** Prepare and record a major and melodic minor scale throughout the range of your instrument (for stringed instruments, please prepare a 3 octave scale). Record the scale with the following articulations:

- Strings: Slur 4, slur 8, and rapid spiccato (4 times each note). (Note: Use a Galamian turn on the scale to keep slur 4/8 bowings straight)
- Winds/Brass: slur, staccato, double or triple tongue on each note.

3. **Excerpts:** Download the excerpts specific to your instrument from the “Join Us/Adult Orchestra” page of the NVSO public website at www.northvalleysymphony.org/adult-orchestra. Please prepare and record at least two of the excerpts.

Thank you again for your interest, and best of luck!!

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