

## NVSO Concertmaster Audition Instructions

Thank you for preparing to audition as Concertmaster for NVSO!! In return for your desire to apply for this critical position in the orchestra, I vow to make the audition process as “painless” as possible.

The Concertmaster position in NVSO is presently a volunteer position. That said, the orchestra is performing rather challenging repertoire, and requires leaders in all the sections that can help NVSO grow to be the regional orchestra that it is capable of being. I personally greatly appreciate your dedication and willingness to seek this position.

Your audition will be held before the Musical Director, Board Member, and at least two sitting principals and/or section leaders in the orchestra.

Please prepare:

1. **Scales:** Prepare both a G and D major and melodic minor scale. The scale will then be used to demonstrate tuning, agility and different bowings. Be prepared to accomplish slur 4, slur 8, and staccato/spiccato.
2. **Sight Reading:** You will sight read a portion of a piece that we will perform at NVSO this season.
3. **Excerpts:** Download the excerpts for Concertmaster from the “Join Us/Adult Orchestra” page of the NVSO public website at [www.northvalleysymphony.org/adult-orchestra](http://www.northvalleysymphony.org/adult-orchestra) . Please prepare to play any of the solo sections of both *Scheherazade* and *The Four Seasons: Primavera*.
4. **Interview:** Please be prepared to discuss how you 1) intend to accomplish bowings in the orchestra, and 2) your ideas for helping elevate and motivate the strings to become better players.

Final Notes...

- Contact me for an audition appointment time and location.
- When you do contact me, please provide a very brief resume of your training, and experience as a Concertmaster or principal in other groups.

Best of Luck!!

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