



Policy regarding the principals of the string orchestra of the Netherlands Symphony Project 2022

This is a translation of the Dutch original of the policy regarding the principals of the string orchestra. In case of conflict, the Dutch original text will apply.

1. The principals of the string orchestra are the concertmaster, the principals of the second violins, the violas, the celli and the double basses.
2. Per the Netherlands Symphony Project 2019, the principals of the string orchestra may lead the relevant section for a maximum of two years. Exceptions: see 2.3.
 - 2.1 In principle, for the position of concertmaster and the principal positions of the second violins, violas, celli and double basses, a principal will be chosen from the (regular) applications.
 - 2.2 Musicians who have led a string section twice during previous editions of the project may apply for a principal position again, but in case of equal suitability, a musician who has not previously led a section will take precedence over a musician who has done so.
 - 2.3 In case a suitable concertmaster or principal cannot be selected from the (principal) applications, the orchestra manager and conductor reserve the right to personally approach a suitable candidate.
3. Musicians who apply for a principal position are required to send a recording of an audition of ca. 3 minutes. For example, this may be a recently recorded audition for another orchestra or an excerpt out of a solo concerto. If the musician who applies for a principal position does not send a recording with their application, the application will not be taken into consideration during the selection procedure for the principal positions (it will be considered for the regular applications).
4. The social and cohesive function of the principal string players is considered to be very important. Musicians who apply for a principal position will send a brief motivation letter with their application form. From the motivation letter, the applicant's motivation, experience, and social and musical eligibility will become clear.

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