**AUDITIONS FOR POSITIONS OF MUSICIANS AT THE CYPRUS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

**RULES**

1. **Eligibility**

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older on the date of the auditions.

Applicants must be EU citizens or must have a work permit for countries – members of the EU.

1. **Audition Venue and Dates:**

**26th, 27th, 28th & 29th of September 2022**
Pallas Theatre, Paphos Gate, Nicosia, Crossing Regenis and Arsinois Streets.

*(Note: Candidates will be informed about the Auditions start time in advance, and will have to arrive at the Auditions Venue at least 30 minutes before commencement)*

1. **Jury**

The jury will consist of five members. The President of the committee is the Artistic Director - Conductor of the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra. At the auditions, only members of the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra are allowed to be present. The jury members are selected according to the Musicians Collective Agreement of the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra (Article 18.2). The Second Round will be conducted according to the decision of the new Artistic Director – Conductor of the CYSO and the CYSOF Board of Directors.

1. **Decisions of the Jury**
	1. In reaching its decision, the jury will especially take into consideration the candidate’s
	- Intonation
	- Rhythmical precision
	- Conformity to the composer’s instructions (dynamics, tempo, other instructions written into the scores by the composer)
	- Musicality
	2. Each jury member can mark with points from 1 to 10 for each candidate’s performance.
	3. The decision of the jury will be final and will not be subject to question, review, or appeal.
	4. The jury reserves the right not to select any candidate for any of the announced positions.
2. **Audition process**

5.1 Upon submission of applications for the Preliminary Round, candidates who have collaborated with the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra over the last two years as extra musicians, for more than two times, do not need to submit a video.

5.2 Candidates must arrive at the Audition Venue at least 30 minutes before the commencement of the auditions. Each candidate who passed the Preliminary Round will be informed about his/her exact date and time of audition at the beginning of September 2022.

* 1. The Auditions will be conducted in three rounds (Preliminary Round, First Round & Second Round) as announced in the Auditions Announcement:

Upon completion of the Preliminary Round, the jury will select up to 10 candidates from each instrument section , who will qualify for the First Round and will be invited to audition.

Upon completion of the First Round, the jury will announce a list of successful candidates who are qualified to the Second Round.

Upon completion of the Second Round, the jury will announce the successful candidates who have been selected for each position.

* 1. The duration of each audition will not exceed 20 minutes.
	2. The jury reserves the right to listen to all or part of the auditions repertoire.
1. **Flight-Transportation-Accommodation**
	1. Candidates are responsible for their own travel arrangements and expenses incurred for their participation in the auditions.
	2. Neither the CySOF (Cyprus Symphony Orchestra Foundation), nor its administrative staff or any other person involved in any way in the auditions process, either in the organization or the jury, is liable for covering or refunding the applicants for any of their expenses.
2. **Piano accompaniment**

7.1 Candidates have the right to perform at the audition with the accompaniment of their own pianist.

7.2 Candidates who wish to be provided with a pianist by the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra Foundation for their audition, should request it in their application form. At a later stage, all candidates will be informed about their rehearsal with the pianist at the Theatre.

 *Note: Each candidate is entitled to a 20-minute rehearsal with the pianist at the Theatre.*

1. **Miscellaneous**
2. In case of non-compliance with, or violation of any part of these rules, or tampering with the entry process, or the audition process, the jury reserves the right to disqualify and/or exclude, any candidates from the auditions.
	1. Non-acceptance of the Audition Rules will automatically result in the candidate’s disqualification.
	2. The CySOF reserves the right to amend the rules, notifying the candidates accordingly, should it consider it necessary so to do.
	3. The acceptance of the Auditions Rules needs to be signed by the candidate and sent to a.antoniou@cyso.org.cy with all supporting documents by the 26th of August 2022.

**Candidate’s Statement**

**I the undersigned ……………………………………………………………**(Candidate’s Name and Surname with

Capital Letters), (instrument)**………………………………………………hereby confirm that I have read, understood, and accept the Audition Rules and Conditions.**

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