STRING AUDITIONS

INFORMATION FOR THE UD SYMPHONY AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA PROGRAM

SPRING 2021

Due to the current coronavirus pandemic, string auditions for the UD orchestra program will be conducted by video submission. The audition will consist of a solo(s) of your own choosing—7 to 10 minutes of music that demonstrates both fast/technical and slow/lyrical abilities (e.g. an etude and/or excerpt from a sonata or concerto movement; memorization is optional)—and two scales with arpeggios. All new and returning orchestra members must audition each semester for admittance and seating placement.

General information:
- Tune your instrument before you begin to record.
- Use only 1 camera and do not edit the video of your performance(s). Editing between pieces/scales is fine.
- Identify the repertoire you are about to play by making a verbal announcement (speak clearly) or by adding titles/text to the video. Either is acceptable.
- You may begin with the scales/arpeggios or your prepared solo(s).
- You may use either a .MOV or .MP4 video format.
- The camera should capture the upper half of your body giving the adjudicator the ability to see all physical components of your playing technique.
- Be sure the view is not obstructed by a music stand or other equipment in the room.
- Be sure to proof your video for sound and image quality before sending the file.

Scale requirements:
- Be prepared to perform two scales with arpeggios: one major and one minor (harmonic or melodic). You may choose the scales yourself—please see below for each instrument’s specific range requirements.
  - Violin, Viola, Cello - Scales of your choice, three octaves with arpeggios
  - Bass - Scales of your choice, two octaves with arpeggios

Resources
- ADVICE FROM SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA VIOLIST
  The Sydney Symphony Orchestra’s Principal Violist and Fellowship Artistic Director Roger Benedict tells us his best tips for performing a successful audition

- HOW TO IMPRESS AT AUDITIONS
  A discussion with the world renowned wind section members of the Berlin Philharmonic

- AUDITION TIPS BY LSO FIRST VIOLINIST
  LSO first violin Maxine Kwok-Adams gives some important advice for string players to take note of when preparing for auditions

Video Submission Information

All string audition videos must be submitted to Professor Anderson (andrsnja@udel.edu) via the UD Dropbox Services (https://pandora.nss.udel.edu/) no later than 11:59PM on Saturday, February 13th.