



VRATSA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Section Violin Position

Salary: 1900 Bulgarian Lev (лв)/month, gross average

THE ORCHESTRA

The Vratsa Symphony Orchestra, located in picturesque and mountainous Vratsa, Bulgaria is a European (EU) state-funded orchestras. The musicians hail from over 16 different countries and foster a supportive and international environment for both national and international applicants. Concerts include frequent collaboration with international classical soloists and national Bulgarian crossover stars. With new initiatives, the VSO is expanding in size and members, and invites ambitious musicians who enjoy collaboration with diverse colleagues and who possess creativity to pursue other musical or non-musical interests. Rehearsals are conducted in Bulgarian and English. For non-EU members, the orchestra offers work permits and group language classes for smooth integration into Bulgaria work life. Season starts in February and continues until December. January is collective vacation. With a very low cost of living Vratsa is a peaceful and safe place to live for musicians. It is located close to the capital of Sofia, with daily very low-cost trains and buses.

FINANCES COVERED

1. Salary 1600 leva, pre-tax amount. Monthly pay depends on government working days, so pay may fluctuate a little up or down based on exact days worked, as per the government calendar. Amount listed is the monthly average.
2. Full Medical Benefits
3. Pension accumulation in Bulgaria

4. Annual paid collective vacation (42 days), used together with the enRe orchestra. January is off, plus other shorter breaks throughout the year, including Orthodox Easter and other national holidays.

5. Touring Expenses

HOUSING

The VSO assists to find accommodation. The orchestra offers double or triple occupancy apartments for 365 lev, or members can use the housing allotment to find their own living arrangements.

AUDITION PROCESS

Deadline of C/V and audition recordings: Friday, September 13, 2024. Submit all materials through Musical Chairs.

STAGE 1: VIDEO RECORDING

Submit the following:

1. Unedited video recording of you performing a solo piece of your choice, with a video length of 2-5 minutes. Video should show your whole body, no use of edits or sound alteration permitted.
2. Unedited video recording of 3-5 orchestral excerpts (of your choice) from any standard audition repertoire.
3. A one-page CV

STAGE 2: ONLINE INTERVIEW

Successful candidates will be invited to an online Zoom interview.

STAGE 3: TRIAL PERIOD IN VRATSA, BULGARIA

Successful candidates will be invited to a paid trial period lasting 2-6 weeks in Bulgaria. Accommodation and salary will be provided during this period. Travel costs for candidates coming from within Europe will be covered. Candidates from other continents may receive partial reimbursement for flights.

VSO assists with work permits for non-EU applicants.

JOB TIMELINE

Duration/Start: To be arranged with the candidate. We are looking for trials to be scheduled in September-November of 2024, and the job will start as soon as mutually agreeable.

Location: Vratsa, Bulgaria (regular season), Europe (tours)

Salary: 1900 лв/month average

Cost of Living: Bulgaria offers a low cost of living compared to other EU countries & has a good quality of life. Refer to websites on Musical Chairs listing for details.