

SECTION PRINCIPAL PERCUSSION AUDITIONS 2025



Preliminary AV Audition

All applicants will be asked to record and upload two preliminary excerpts through musical chairs. Your recording will be anonymised for the panel. The two excerpts must be recorded in the same video with no editing.

The audition excerpts for the preliminary round AV auditions are:

- Britten - *Death in Venice*, Act 2 - Xylophone
- Lylloff - Arhus Etude No.9 - Snare Drum

As applications are received, candidates will be sent copies of the Preliminary AV Round audition excerpts.

First-Round Live Audition

Selected candidates will be invited to attend a first-round live audition in the Howard Opera Centre Leeds on the following dates in March.

- Monday 3 March
- Monday 17 March
- Tuesday 18 March

The audition excerpts for the first-round live auditions are listed below. Candidates will be sent copies of these excerpts to prepare when invited to audition.

- Britten - *Death in Venice*, Act 2 - Xylophone
- Bizet - *Carmen*, Prelude - Cymbals
- Delibes - *Samson and Delilah* - Glockenspiel
- Dove - *Pinocchio* - Xylophone
- Lylloff - Arhus Etude No.9 - Snare Drum
- Rachmaninov - Piano Concerto No.2 - Cymbals
- Rimsky-Korsakov - *Scheherazade* - Snare Drum
- Rimsky-Korsakov - *Scheherazade* - Triangle
- John Williams – *Escapades*, *Joy Ride* – Vibes
- Tambourine Etude

Second-Round Live Audition with the Orchestra of Opera North

Selected candidates will be invited to attend a second-round live audition in the Howard Opera Centre Leeds on **23 April** at an allocated timeslot **between 10:30 -17:30** with the Orchestra of Opera North. In this audition candidates will be playing as Section Principal Percussion during a standalone rehearsal of the Orchestra of Opera North. It is not possible to have an alternative audition date as the entire orchestra is scheduled for this day.

Candidates will be sent copies of the second-round live audition excerpts when invited to audition.

Trial

Selected candidates will be invited to trial with the Orchestra of Opera North through 2025 and 2026.