

IRISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Job Vacancy – Viola (Tutti Position) July 2024

FREELANCE CONTRACT FOR VIOLA (TUTTI POSITION)

Irish Chamber Orchestra (ICO) has a vacancy for Tutti Viola (the position is on rotation, sitting no.2, no. 3 and 4). Resident at the Irish World Academy of Music & Dance at the University of Limerick, ICO is one of Ireland's most dynamic ensembles and principal cultural ambassadors. The orchestra runs a concert season in Limerick and Dublin and tours regularly at home and abroad. Thomas Zehetmair is Principal conductor and Jörg Widmann and Thomas Zehetmair are Artistic Partners. The orchestra works with artists such as Henning Kraggerud, Florian Donderer, Brett Dean, Sheku Kanneh Mason, Tabea Zimmermann, Kristian Bezuidenhout, Elisabeth Leonskaja and Istvan Vardai. Throughout the past decade, the ICO has performed at leading concert halls and festivals across Europe, the U.S.A., and South America. The ICO has released a series of acclaimed recordings on the prestigious Orfeo and Alpha Classics labels.

ICO guarantees a minimum of ten monthly freelance contracts each year – each month generally comprises of five to eight days depending on the number of concerts. Each monthly retainer includes payment for five rehearsals. All rehearsals take place at the ICO Studio in the University of Limerick. The orchestral diary is finalised 3 months in advance, although in practice dates are notified up to a year in advance.

The closing date for applications is August 16th, 2024, by 5pm and auditions will be held in the ICO Studio, University of Limerick on Wednesday October 2nd and Thursday October 3rd 2024.

Live Audition requirements: 1st movement of either Stamitz or Hoffmeister Viola Concerto; a contrasting piece of your choice and Schubert Trio B flat Major D 471 1st movement (up to the repeat mark) This excerpt will be played with principals of the ICO. Excerpts will be forwarded to successful shortlist candidates.

To apply, please upload a cover letter and CV via musicalchairs

<https://www.musicalchairs.info/jobs/47505>

For any queries, contact Gerard Keenan, Chief Executive, email: Gerard.keenan@ul.ie; post: Irish Chamber Orchestra, ICO Studio, University of Limerick, Limerick, Ireland.

Please note that Video links of solo or chamber performances can be included, but this is not a requirement.

The ICO is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to selection on merit welcoming applicants from all sections of the community