



National Symphony Orchestra

Open call for deputy musicians

Closing Date: Monday 31st March 2025 11:59pm

The position:

The National Symphony Orchestra (NSO) invites applications from experienced and collaborative musicians to expand its existing list of deputy players across all sections of the orchestra. Engagements will be offered on a part-time, fixed-term, or fixed-purpose freelance basis.

This opportunity is exclusively open to **Irish musicians or those domiciled on the island of Ireland.**

The National Symphony Orchestra has been at the centre of Ireland's cultural life for 75 years. Formerly the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra, it was founded in 1948 as the Raidió Éireann Symphony Orchestra. In 2022, the Orchestra transferred from RTÉ to the remit of the National Concert Hall.

The NSO performs a season of up to seventy events per annum at the National Concert Hall in Dublin as well as undertaking a touring programme, family concerts and a range of commercial opportunities. In addition, the NSO produces broadcasts for RTÉ Lyric FM, film and audio recordings as well as educational concerts and events.

The role:

- Maintaining the highest standard of professional performance, musical and artistic excellence required by the Orchestra.



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- Familiarise oneself with the relevant parts, in advance of the first rehearsal and performances.
- Professionally support the Section Leader and all other members of the NSO.
- Take direction regarding style, intonation, balance, ensemble and rhythm.
- Foster an environment in which artistic excellence flourishes.
- Develop and support positive working relationships with all other members of the Orchestra, and any freelance players engaged by the Orchestra.
- To work in accordance with NCH Health and Safety guidelines and policy.

Requirements:

- Excellent performing abilities, maintaining the highest musical standards.
- To be an effective and committed team player and to play a full role in the life of the Orchestra.
- Knowledge of the range of repertoire of the National Symphony Orchestra.
- Good interpersonal skills and the ability to establish and develop harmonious working relationships with a diverse range of people.
- Commitment to maintaining the reputation of the Orchestra.
- Strong mental and physical discipline – travel, rehearsal, live performance in concert (radio/TV) and recording sessions and anti-social working hours.
- Awareness of health and safety issues.

The NSO has a 7-day liability including weekends and public holidays and therefore flexibility is essential. There will be a requirement for the postholder to work in other locations outside of the National Concert Hall, Dublin.

Working hours can fall between 08.00am and 12pm. Applicants must be available during the daytime, evenings and weekends.



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As this is a seasonal, freelance contract, hours are variable and cannot be guaranteed.

Vacancies are across all levels and sections of the orchestra at the following daily rates:

Tutti €173.73

Sub-Principal €188.18

Principal €204.05

RECRUITMENT STAGES AND HOW TO APPLY

STAGE 1: APPLICATION VIA ONLINE PROCESS (MUSICAL CHAIRS) - All candidates are invited to apply via Musical Chairs and upload an online video submission. Please see the attached documents **Recording Advice** and **Required Repertoire** for video requirements and repertoire.

STAGE 2: SHORTLISTING - Your online submission will be assessed by the NSO shortlisting panel against pre-determined criteria. If successful, you will be notified that you have been added to our list of deputy musicians in due course.

The National Concert Hall is proud to be an equal opportunity employer of all qualified individuals. We actively welcome applications from people of all backgrounds and do not discriminate based on gender, age, race, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, membership of the Travelling community or family status.

We are committed to offering reasonable accommodations to job applicants with disabilities. If you need assistance or an accommodation due to a disability, or have any questions regarding building access, please contact us on (01) 417 0077