

RSNO Associate Principal (No.2) Double Bass

Audition Requirements - March 2026

- 1st Round Repertoire:
 - 1st Movement (with cadenza) from a Classical concerto
 - Selected orchestra excerpts
- 2nd Round Repertoire:
 - A movement from any contrasting Romantic/20th Century Concerto
 - Orchestral excerpts
 - Sight-reading from the orchestral repertoire
 - Duet with Section Principal

*Standard Orchestral Tuning required

*Extensions/5-string basses required for trial stages

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Excerpt 1A: L. van BEETHOVEN – Symphony No.5 in C Minor, Op.67
3rd movement, 1-18, 44-100

Allegro **poco ritardando a tempo**

pp

13 **un poco ritard. a tempo** **1** *sf* **f**

25

38 *sf* *sf* *sf* *sf* **dimin. pp**

poco ritard. a tempo

51 *pp*

63 *cresc.* **f**

74

89 **A** *sf* *sf* *sf* *sf* **dimin. pp**

Excerpt 1B: L. van BEETHOVEN – Symphony No.5 in C Minor, Op.67
3rd movement, 141-213

131 *ff* *p* *f*

141

150

159 1. 2. *f*

166

175 1-6 2 3 4

186 5 6

195 **B** *f* *dimin.* *p*

203 *sempre più piano*

211

Excerpt 2A: R. STRAUSS – *Ein Heldenleben*, Op.40
 Figure 9-eight after Figure 12

This musical score excerpt covers measures 9 through 12 of a piece. It is written for a piano with two staves. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. Measure 9 begins with a forte (ff) dynamic and features a triplet of eighth notes. Measure 10 continues with a fortissimo (fff) dynamic and includes a crescendo (cresc.) marking. Measure 11 shows a piano (p) dynamic with a fortissimo (ff) marking. Measure 12 ends with a fortissimo (ff) dynamic. The score includes various musical notations such as triplets, slurs, and dynamic markings.

Excerpt 2B: R. STRAUSS – *Ein Heldenleben*, Op.40
 Four before Figure 20-four after Figure 21

This musical score excerpt covers measures 20 and 21. It is written for a piano with two staves. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. Measure 20 begins with an *accelerando* and *espr.* marking, followed by a fortissimo (ff) dynamic. Measure 21 continues with a fortissimo (ff) dynamic and includes a fortissimo (ff) marking. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, dynamic markings, and a tempo change to *Wieder etwas langsamer.*

Excerpt 3: J. BRAHMS – Symphony No.2 in D Major, Op.73
4th movement 244-279

The musical score is written for a single staff in bass clef, with a key signature of two sharps (D major). The tempo is marked *in tempo*. The score consists of six staves of music, with measure numbers 244, 251, 258, 264, 270, and 275 indicated at the beginning of each line. The first staff (244) begins with a *pp* dynamic. The second staff (251) features a box labeled 'L' above the first measure and a *pp sempre* dynamic. The third staff (258) continues the melodic line. The fourth staff (264) includes the dynamic *f sempre più f*. The fifth staff (270) continues the rapid sixteenth-note passage. The sixth staff (275) begins with a *sf* dynamic and ends with a box labeled 'M' above the final measure, which is marked with a '1'.

1st movement, 13-21, 40-61

Adagio

I

Vollendet Wien, 26. Juni 1788

The image displays a musical score for the song "The Rose Tree." The score is written for a single melodic line in a key of three flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor) and a 3/4 time signature. The music is organized into six systems, each beginning with a measure number: 6, 10, 13, 16, 19, and 22. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. The first system starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The second system includes a piano (*p*) dynamic marking. The third system begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The fourth system starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The fifth system begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The sixth system starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The score concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Allegro

26
3
2
p

39

49
f

58

Excerpt 4B: W.A. MOZART – Symphony No.39 in E-Flat Major, K.543
4th movement, 115-137

This musical score is for the Violin I part of the 4th movement of Mozart's Symphony No. 39. It covers measures 108 to 137. The key signature is E-flat major (three flats) and the time signature is 3/4. The score is written on a single staff in bass clef. Measure 108 begins with a forte (f) dynamic and a bracketed section. Measures 119, 125, and 130 are marked at the start of their respective lines. The music features a variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The excerpt concludes with a large closing bracket at the end of measure 137.

Excerpt 5: G. MAHLER – Symphony No.7 in E Minor
2nd movement

47 *pizz.* **Nicht eilen** *arco* *pp* 3

51 *sf p* *sf p* *ff sf* **75** *pizz.* *arco*

55 *sf pp* 3 *poco cresc.*

59 *mf p f sf*

62 **76** *p sf p sf p*

67 *n n sf n sf m* **77**

71 *cresc. f p sf p*

75 *sf p p* **78** 1

Excerpt 6: VERDI – OTHELLO – ACT IV

pp

un poco marc.
TUTTI

morendo

f *ppp* *D*

V *dim.* *p*

un poco marc.

stacc. *molto accelerando*

Excerpt 7 - J.S BACH –Violin Concerto, BWV 1042 in E major – 2nd Movement

2. Adagio

sempre piano

4

7

10

14

18

23

4

16 *Lento.* *p*

Wohnt. espr.
ci!

più p

17 *dol. con espr.* *p*

fizz.

18 *pp*

dolce *perdendosi*

German lyrics:
Weh-walt hiesst ich mich selbst
Wehwalt, c'est mon sur-nom.
Hunding
Hunding, will ich er-warten.
areo

French lyrics:
Wehwalt, c'est mon sur-nom.
Hunding
Hunding, je vais l'attendre.

Excerpt 9: B. BRITTEN – *Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge*, Op.10
 “March”

Presto alla marcia (♩ = 168-176)

The score is written in bass clef, 6/8 time, with a tempo of Presto alla marcia (♩ = 168-176). The key signature has one sharp (F#). The piece is marked *pp martellato* at the beginning. The score includes several measures with triplets and accents. The dynamics range from *pp* (pianissimo) to *ff* (fortissimo). The piece concludes with a final measure marked *ppp* (pianissimissimo).

4^a

5

6

pp martellato

cresc.

dim.

pp

più f

poco cresc.

mf

dim.

pp

f

cresc.

ff

f e dim.

sempre più p

p

pp

ppp

Orchestral Soli - Excerpt 10: HAYDN – Symphony No.31 in D Major – 4th Movement

Var. 7.

The musical score for Variation 7 is written for a single melodic line in 3/4 time, D major. It consists of four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter note D4, followed by eighth notes E4-F#4, G4-A4, and B4. This is followed by a triplet of eighth notes (C#5, D5, E5) and another triplet (F#5, G5, A5). The second staff continues with more triplets and a repeat sign. The third staff features a long, sweeping melodic line with many beamed sixteenth and thirty-second notes. The fourth staff concludes with a first and second ending bracket, both leading to a final cadence.

Excerpt 11: MILHAUD – Le Creation du Monde

$\text{♩} = 62$
p
 4
 8
 12
mp
 16
 20
mf
 23
 26
 30
 34
 38
 42
ff

Excerpt 12: STRAVINSKY – Pulcinella Suite

Solo [85] **Vivo**, ♩ = 132 - 138

ff *sf* *sf* *fff* *sempre sim.*

10 [87]

17 *sim.* *f* *gliss.* *ff*

22 [88] *ff* *8va*

29 [89]

37 [90] *très fort (détaché)*

47 [91] *p dolce* [92] **3**

58 [93] **4** *sub.p* *ff risoluto, energico*

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Adagio molto espressivo ♩ = 56

[65] *p*

mf

[66] **poco precipitato** *f esultato* **rall.** **a tempo** *mf* *cedendo* *p dolce*

[67] *pp*

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Duet: G.A. SCHNEIDER – Duet for Low Instruments
Please prepare the bottom line

Allegro

10

20

30

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