



MPO Orchestral Auditions 2022

Information Pack

The Malta Philharmonic Orchestra

The Malta Philharmonic Orchestra (MPO) is recognised as the foremost musical institution on the Maltese Islands, bringing together the best of Maltese talent and musicians hailing from other countries. Since its inception in 1968, the Orchestra has been under the direction of Malta's most prominent musicians as its Resident and Principal Conductors whilst working with internationally-acclaimed conductors and soloists.

The orchestra's extensive calendar of events, places the MPO as Malta's leading cultural ambassador. Performing in more than 70 concerts a year, including regular symphonic concerts annual opera productions, community outreach programmes and a number of concerts of a lighter musical genre in various prominent venues around the islands. The MPO also collaborates with foreign orchestras and opera companies, leading to various cultural exchange programmes.

During the past seasons, the MPO embarked on a digital transformation reaching over 32 million people worldwide through its Online Programme in 2021.

The orchestra has performed in leading venues across the globe, including in the United States, Dubai, Germany, Austria, China, Italy, Belgium, Russia, Slovakia and Czech Republic and presently embarks on at least one international tour each concert season.

www.maltaorchestra.com

Vacancies for Orchestral Musicians

The Malta Philharmonic Orchestra is currently accepting invitations for the positions of

- **Violin II** (Tutti)
- **Cello** (Tutti)

Application Process

Interested candidates in possession of a university degree in music performance or a conservatory diploma or equivalent at MQF Level 5 or higher, and experience in orchestral playing are required to send in the following material to the MPO Offices:

1. Completed Application Form
2. Detailed Curriculum Vitae
3. Copies of Relevant Qualifications
4. Video Recording

Completed application forms and supporting material need to reach the MPO offices by no later than 12:00 noon (CET) on **Friday 16th September 2022**.

Application packs should be addressed to:

The Chairman
Malta Philharmonic Orchestra
1, Triq John Lopez
Floriana FRN1400, Malta

Or

sent via email to: vacancies@maltaorchestra.com

Candidates may send links of the video recordings online or via bulk transfer.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an audition in Malta, which will take place between the 17th and 19th October 2022. Successful candidates will be informed accordingly, and a starting date shall be discussed and agreed.

The decisions of the adjudicating panels for both the shortlisting and audition rounds are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Orchestral Excerpts

Please download the full list of audition repertoire and orchestral excerpts for your specific instrument from www.maltaorchestra.com/jobs

Candidates are required to select music for the audition and include their choice of selected pieces in the application form.

Salary and Benefits

Basic Pay: €18,976 rising by annual increments of €375 (Tutti Violin/Cello)
Performance Bonus of up to 10% of the basic pay
Qualification allowance of €380-€1100 per annum (depending on the qualification)
Instrument Maintenance allowance of €140
Statutory bonus amounting to €512 per annum

In addition to the basic salary, orchestral musicians are entitled to a production allowance, and there are also various opportunities throughout the year to benefit from ad hoc work through orchestral and chamber music performances as well as involvement in teaching or music education.

Full-time orchestral musicians are entitled for 20 days of annual leave during the Easter and Summer recess, with an additional 8 days of optional vacation leave.

The contract will be on an indefinite basis subject to a 1-year probation period.

Living in Malta

Renowned for its warm and sunny climate, the Mediterranean island of Malta is a great place to visit, but it is also a fantastic place for one to live and work, not least because of its many lifestyle benefits.

When taking into consideration living costs in Malta, one can find rented accommodation for around €700-€800 per month, with no additional council tax and very low utility bills. There is excellent public and private health care, with EU citizens residing in Malta entitled to free health care from hospitals and clinics. Public transport is efficient and reliable, servicing both main islands, while the Malta International Airport offers regular flights to most European cities.

Malta is also currently experiencing a cultural regeneration, making it a very interesting and exciting place for artists and musicians to live in. The EU Presidency in 2017 and Valletta being nominated the European Capital of Culture for 2018, ensured a thriving period for arts and culture in Malta.

Further information about Malta and living in Malta can be accessed on these websites:

<http://www.visitmalta.com/>

<https://internationalliving.com/countries/malta/living-in-malta/>

<https://internationalliving.com/countries/malta/cost-of-living-in-malta/>

<https://maltaguides.co/life/living-in-malta-as-an-expat/>