Ensemble Auditions for Oboe Spring 2024

Friday, January 19th at 1:30pm in King Concert Hall

Prepare *the three* excerpts below.

Remember the most important things about preparing for and performing ensemble auditions, in order of importance:

- 1. Clarity and consistency of pulse
- 2. **Musicality** and *making sense* of the music
- 3. Accurate Internal rhythms and a tempo that brings out the character but isn't faster than you can manage
- 4. Accuracy of **technique (correct notes)** and **tuning**
- 5. Articulation and style (may be different for each excerpt)

Suggested tempi are provided for each excerpt, but they are only targets. Play the closest to the temp/articulations you can and still give a convincing, accurate performance. How you "manage" your performance of each excerpt is key.

Some of these excerpts are not explicit about phrasing and dynamics. The lack of expression markings does not mean that you should play without expression. Be musical! Make the piece make sense! Listen to recordings for ideas!

Listen to all these excerpts many times so you understand the context, and style. Listen to more than one recording. Naxos, YouTube, and Spotify all have good recordings. The audition committee can tell when you haven't listened to the piece.

Also play along with these excerpts on YouTube with an orchestra. And you can slow down YouTube as needed.

Remember these auditions will be blind and behind a screen. Don't speak or give any indication of who you are during the audition.

Please let me know in advance of any class conflicts with ensemble rehearsal times and of your interest in playing, or not playing, English horn.

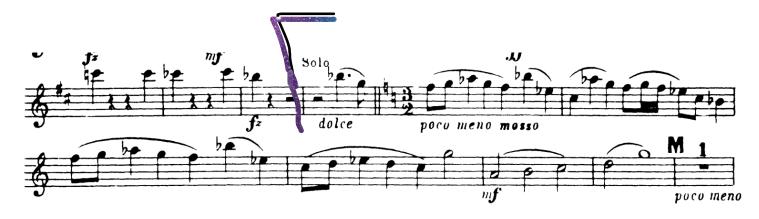
We may or may not get through all of these excerpts in your audition. Please let me know if you have any questions!! Dr. H

Link to the complete oboe part for the Borodin Symphony #2

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1a0Xpg8MM3K9F8 ZX5XsDsHiluMVtT X4X/view?usp=sharing

You will need to look at the full part to figure out how these excerpts fit in, and to figure out what tempo to go.

- **1. Borodin** *Symphony #2*
- •1st movement



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