

emg Symphony Orchestra

Joining the EMGSO



The orchestra does not have a formal audition policy, and welcomes new members whenever possible, although this is obviously dependent upon a place being available.

It would be very helpful if anyone who is interested in joining could let us know details of approximate current standard and playing experience, i.e. which orchestras and/or chamber groups you have played in recently and in what capacity (e.g. first or second player, back of the violas etc), and the sort of repertoire with which you are familiar. It would also be helpful to know whether your stay in the Exeter area is likely to be temporary or long-term. This will help the leader, the musical director and the relevant section leader in maintaining a balanced orchestra.

Names and contact details of appropriate wind, brass and percussion players are in the first instance passed to the relevant section representative, who will add these to his or her list of people to call on as deputies or extra players.

String players are usually invited to come along and play at a few rehearsals, if there is space in the section, before having their membership confirmed by the committee. If a section is already at maximum strength, or concert preparation is too far advanced for new players to be included, prospective members are asked to wait until the start of the next session.

In the event of there being more string players on the membership list than space at a particular concert venue, availability for rehearsals and balance between sections is taken into account when making a selection. It is generally hoped that all members playing in a particular concert would be able to attend at least 80% of relevant rehearsals.

We look forward to hearing from you, and hope that you will be able to find playing opportunities locally, either with us or with another group. Even if EMG doesn't currently have space for extra players, we will get in touch with you as soon as possible to let you know the current situation.

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