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PSO / KYO APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM 2019-2020

The PSO / KYO apprenticeship program allows members of the KYO to rehearse and perform with the PSO during 2019-2020, while being mentored by the PSO section principal on their instrument. With the approval of the section principal involved, we can take one apprentice per PSO section.

Your instrument: This can be any instrument of a standard symphony orchestra other than harp, tuba, trumpet, trombone or percussion. We are not in a position at this time to provide ongoing supervision for those instruments.

Your current playing level: you should be studying at a Grade 10 RCM level. The apprenticeship program is meant primarily as a way of providing enrichment to students who are advanced players who are considering music as a career.

How are PSO / KYO apprentices chosen: By audition. Unless otherwise agreed, auditions will be held on the evening of Wednesday, September 11, at Trinity United Church, Reid St. The audition panel will be the PSO section principal for your instrument, the PSO music director, and (ideally, but not necessarily) one of the PSO's five principal string players.

What music will I be asked to play at the audition? You will be asked to play one movement of a concerto of your choice, which should be by a Classical-era composer such as Mozart. You will also be asked to play a few orchestral excerpts for your instrument. Please ask for a list of the excerpts involved. We will provide the music to you either in hard copy or by a link.

If I am chosen, what will I be expected to do? The PSO and you will work out a plan that fits your needs as well as those of the PSO. The PSO recognizes that you might not be available for all 2019-2020 concert dates, nor for all rehearsals. The plan will also cover your relationship with your mentor, i.e. your PSO section leader.

Is there a cost to this? There is no cost to you. You would play as a volunteer, community member of the orchestra, i.e. without payment.

How do I apply? Please send your application to the General Manager of the PSO (gm@thepso.org). There is no application form. Your application can be sent at any time. It should be received by not later than Tuesday, September 3. Be sure to include your name, instrument, current RCM grade level, and contact information.

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