

UMass Orchestras Spring 2025 Info - Strings

Symphony Orchestra UMASO (MUSIC 565-01)

- MWF 2:30-4:10 p.m
- Full orchestra primarily designed for music majors/minors, graduate students, and advanced players

All-University Orchestra AUO (MUSIC 593J-01)

- W 5:30-7 p.m.
- String orchestra primarily designed for non-majors and recreational players

Auditions for **New** UMASO/AUO members will be on Monday, Feb. 3 in Room 259 of the Bromery Center (Prof. Hidalgo's office), starting at 1pm.

[New students can sign up for a time on this document =>](#)

What to play at the audition?

NEW UMASO/AUO MEMBERS: Prepare a solo piece, no more than 2 minutes, along with the following excerpts

Violin Excerpts (Link to [Lexcerpts–Orchestral Excerpts for Violin v3.1\(US\)](#))

Beethoven: Symphony No. 1, 1st movement, measure 4 until 45 (Lexcerpts, p. 14)

Prokofiev Symphony No. 1, 1st movement, Da capo until measure 13 (Lexcerpts, p. 92) Additional excerpt for **Concertmaster** consideration:

Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade Mvts. II & III solos (Lexcerpts, p. 102)

Viola Excerpts (Link to [Lexcerpts-Orchestral Excerpts for Viola](#)) Beethoven:

Symphony No. 5, 2nd movement, excerpts 1 and 4 (Lexcerpts, p. 4 and p. 5)

Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 6, 1st movement, excerpt 1 (Lexcerpts, p. 48)

Cello Excerpts (Link to [Lexcerpts-Orchestral Excerpts for cello](#)) Brahms:

Symphony No. 2, 2nd movement, excerpt 1 (Lexcerpts, p. 16) Mozart: Symphony

No. 35, excerpt 2 from mm 147 until 168 (Lexcerpts, p. 52)

Bass Excerpts (Link to [Lexcerpts-Orchestral Excerpts for bass](#))

Mozart: Symphony No. 40, 1st mvmt, excerpt 1 – pickup to mm 115 until letter C (Lexcerpts, p. 48) Mahler: Symphony No. 1, 3rd movement, excerpt 1, bass solo (Lexcerpts, p. 32)

***Note:** if you are uncertain which orchestra is more suitable for you, please sign up for the UMASO audition.

*If it is impossible for you to be present at one of the available audition slots, please email Sydnee Hinrichsen at shinrichsen@umass.edu to set up an audition time.