CHARLOTTESVILLE SYMPHONY
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

2024 VIOLA AUDITIONS – SOLO & EXCERPT REQUIREMENTS

Please prepare the following:

1. A 3-5 minute solo
2. Beethoven, Symphony No. 5: Movement II, measures 1-22, 72-86, 97-106 (page 2)
3. Dvořák, Symphony No. 8: Movement IV, rehearsal K to rehearsal L (page 3)
4. Dvořák, Symphony No. 8: Movement I, rehearsal M to rehearsal N (page 3)

AUDITION GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are offered to help you prepare the best possible audition:
1. Listen to several recordings of the works from which your required excerpts are taken. This will give you a general idea of tempo and style, and provide context for each excerpt.
2. Play mock auditions for your teacher or friends before playing the Charlottesville Symphony audition. This can help you work out issues related to nervousness and will give you a good preview of what the audition experience might feel like.
3. Try recording yourself playing your solo piece and excerpts. Listen to your recordings and be critical of your performances.

On audition day:
1. Symphony auditions are not "blind" so please dress as you would for an interview or important meeting.
2. Arrive in time to unpack and tune before entering the audition room. Be ready to play once you walk through the doors.
3. Remember that the people listening to your audition have taken plenty of auditions themselves and understand how difficult they can be. Try to remain relaxed and give it your best shot!

Good luck!

Charlottesville Symphony at the University of Virginia
Viola Auditions 2024-25

1. Prepare a 3-5 minute solo.
2. Prepare the following three excerpts from Beethoven Symphony No. 5 and Dvorak Symphony No. 8. Metronome markings are common performance tempos.
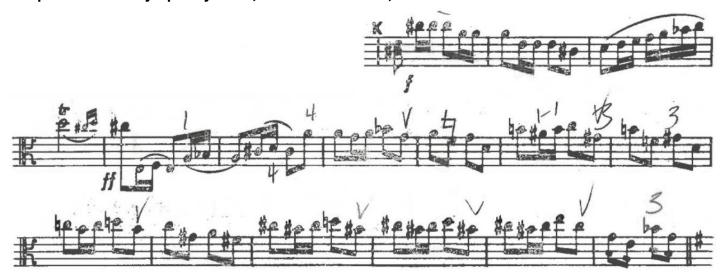
Please contact Ayn Balija at atb3y@virginia.edu with any questions.

Excerpt #1: Beethoven: Symphony No. 5, Second Movement (mm 1-22, mm 72-86, mm 97-106)
8th note = 75

Excerpt #2: Dvorak Symphony No. 8, Fourth Movement, K-L   Half note = 75

Except #3: Dvorak Symphony No. 8, First Movement, M-N   Half note = 74