Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Talent Development Program

2027-2028 Audition Video Submission Guidelines

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General Instructions

As part of your Talent Development Program (TDP) application, submit **three separate video recordings** of your scales and selected repertoire.

- **Recording date:** Previously recorded videos are accepted but must be less than one year old.
- **Accompaniment:** Recordings may be accompanied or unaccompanied.
- **Submission Format:** Upload each video to YouTube with the visibility set to Unlisted and submit all three links with your application.
- **Total playing time:** The combined playing time of all three videos should not exceed 10 minutes.

What to Include in Your Three Videos

Scales:

- perform two contrasting major and/or minor scales in the same video
- Choose Scales in keys with up to three sharps or three flats
- Use the rhythms, ranges and articulations you are most comfortable with.

Solo/Etude Selection(s):

- Perform **two contrasting selections**: one technical or faster piece and one lyrical or slower piece
- You may choose either two solo pieces, two études, or one solo piece and one étude.
- Choose music that showcases your musicianship and playing to the best of your ability

Verbal Introduction: At the start of each video, state your full name and announce the title of the piece or scales you will perform.

File Naming Instructions

Before uploading your videos to YouTube, save each file using this format:

Lastname_Firstname_scales - for your scale recording

Lastname_Firstname_technical - for a technical etude or faster piece

Lastname_Firstname_lyrical - for a lyrical or slower piece

Recording Tips

- **Device:** A smartphone is acceptable. Record in landscape (horizontal) orientation using the rear-facing camera.
- **Camera setup:** Use a tripod or place your device on a stable surface. Avoid handheld recordings.
- **Framing:** Make sure your full body, instrument, and playing posture are visible, with enough space around you to avoid cutting anything out of the frame.
- **Location:** Choose a quiet, spacious room with good lighting.
- **Sound check:** Play a few notes before recording to check the volume and microphone placement.
- **Attire:** Dress as you would for a performance.
- **Verbal introduction:** Look toward the recording device when stating your name and announcing the title of your piece or scales.
- **Timing:** Keep the combined playing time of all three videos to 10 minutes or less.

How to Upload Your Videos to YouTube

1. Record your video using your phone, tablet, or camera.
2. Name your file using the format above
3. Upload your video to YouTube:

    - Sign in to YouTube.
    - Select **Create → Upload video**.
    - Choose your video file.
    - Set the visibility to **Unlisted** so only people with the link can view it.

4. Submit your video link by copying the YouTube URL and pasting it into the designated field in the application form.