

Joining the „Symphonieorchester der Universität Regensburg“

How do I become a member?

By audition. Auditions for the *Universitätsorchester* take place at 5 p.m. on the first two Wednesdays in each Full Term. Sometimes extra dates are announced on the notice board of the Music Faculty or the Orchesterbüro.

Where?

In the Audimax.

What do I have to bring with me?

Your instrument and a piece that you can play. A solo piece is best but it may also be an orchestral excerpt. If you don't bring any music you will just be given pieces at sight.

Is there really no alternative?

Nobody likes auditions but it is the best way to find out if people are suitable for the orchestra or not. Orchestral playing also demands strong nerves.

What does the audition look like?

There is no piano accompaniment. Everybody just plays their pieces to the conductor and a few members of the orchestra. (Actually any member of the orchestra may listen to these auditions but usually only three or four are there.) After a few minutes the piece will usually be interrupted and something is put on the desk for sight-reading. It is all over after about three to five minutes.

If there is a vacancy it may happen that somebody is taken on straight away. But usually it is not clear at the beginning of term if there is a vacancy or not and people are asked to wait for two or three weeks.

Does this have to be repeated every term?

No. If the audition is successful but there is no vacancy your name comes onto the waiting-list. At the next vacancy the names move up a slot. If you feel you can make a better impression you may audition again but it is not essential. If the audition is not successful you will be told what we expect to see improved and we shall ask you to audition again in the coming term or at some later date.

Once you have become a member of the orchestra you are entitled to your position until the end of your study in Regensburg – unless you become lax in your attendance.

Staff members and former students are welcome in the orchestra as are other students but if there are two candidates for one position the Regensburg University student will have preference.