

MPYO AUDITIONS

Auditions are a 'necessary evil', a means to an end and not the perfect answer in terms of evaluating a musician's ability, but until someone comes up with a better idea, we are stuck with the process!

Take each audition as an opportunity, a moment to learn, from which you can take a positive experience and integrate to your own benefit.

What to expect:

You will be met on arrival by one of the MPYO team and taken to a 'warm up room' where your details will be checked. If your audition is in KL, make sure you bring some ID with you.

Once in the warm up room check over your instrument, your music parts and excerpts and any reeds, sticks or strings you may need.

There will be other auditionees in the room, don't let them put you off!

You will then be escorted to the audition room itself to meet with the panel that will include the Principal Conductor, Kevin Field, together with members of the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra relevant to the instruments being auditioned.

All auditions will be recorded on video.

Once your allotted audition time is complete, you are free to leave the building but remember that the audition is not over until you get home!

You will then receive a letter and email confirming the panel's decision by the due date.

Some Top Tips:

- Choose repertoire that best suits you.
- Be prepared; know all the excerpts and what is happening in the orchestra at that time.
- Know your surroundings, location, and journey time to audition venue.
- Arrive with plenty of time to spare.
- Bring 3 copies of your chosen works for the panel.
- First impressions count, no 'bling', but dress well.
- Smile!

- Bring some refreshment.
- You may not get to play through the music or extracts complete – do not worry.
- You WILL be asked questions about: yourself, education, current employment, and other interests.
- Be pleasant to everybody throughout - you never know who is listening - and resist the desire to comment about your audition to fellow auditionees.
- This is a learning experience, be strong and confident and use the nerves you will feel to your advantage.
- Above all, stay calm and retain your composure at all times, if something 'goes wrong' do not stop, keep going and think: a mistake is an opportunity.
- Good luck!