

Fall 2026
TXST Symphony Orchestra Auditions
Bass

The TXST Symphony Orchestra utilizes several variations of rotation seating. All decisions regarding seating and part assignments are made ultimately by the director of orchestras, Dr. Harrison. Certain principal players may remain constant throughout the semester/year. String players may rotate from concert to concert.

Required audition materials listed below, prepare all excerpts as marked and listed below. Those interested in leadership positions should expect to perform all excerpts as part of their audition. Those auditioning for the bass section will be asked to perform selected excerpts from those provided in this packet.

You are strongly encouraged to listen to the linked recordings provided in the list below (highlighted in blue) so that you understand tempi and style of each excerpt.

Required Audition materials:

1. 3-octave scale of your choice with tonic arpeggios (major and minor)
2. Solo of your choice (about 2 minutes), accompaniment not required
3. Excerpts provided in this packet

All excerpts are from Mahler's Symphony no. 1

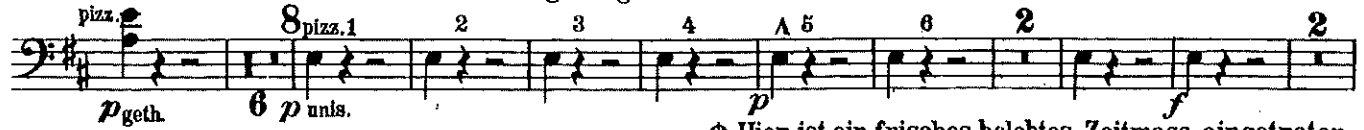
1. **Mvt I** - Reh. 18 - Reh. 19
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2. **Mvt. I** - 10 m. after Reh. 24 - 6m. before Reh. 26
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3. **Mvt I** - 6m. after Reh. 28 - 2m. after Reh. 31
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4. **Mvt II** - 4m before Reh. 11 - 6m. before Reh. 13
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5. **Mvt III** - Opening Solo
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6. **Mvt IV** - 5m before Reh. 11 - Reh. 12
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7. **Mvt IV** - 6m. before Reh. 25 - 4m after Reh. 25
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Contrabass.

Im Anfang sehr gemächlich.



Von hier ab in sehr allmählicher Steigerung bis zum Zeichen. ⬢



⬢ Hier ist ein frisches belebtes Zeitmass eingetreten.



(Haupttempo.)

Noch ein wenig beschleunigend.

Etwas zurückhaltend.



(1. Cl.)

Etwas zurückhaltend.



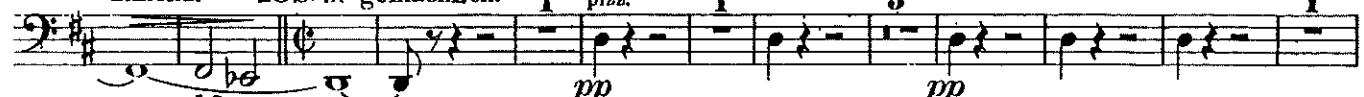
14 Immer noch zurückhaltend.

Sehr zurück-



haltend.

15 Sehr gemächlich.



16 Etwas bewegter.



Ex. #1



18 Gemächlich.



20 Ganz unmerklich etwas zurückhalten. Etwas gemächlicher als zuvor.



Contrabass.

3

22 3 1 1te Hälfte Zurückhaltend. *geth. mf* *p* *accel.*

rit. 23 *a tempo* Zurückhaltend. *rit. a tempo* Von hier ab unmerklich breiter werden.

fp *Alle* *geth.* *p* *mf* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp*

24 *fp* *ppp* *poco* *a* *poco* *cresc.*

25 *fp* Immer noch etwas zurückhaltend. *f* *ff*

Ex. #2

Vorwärts drängend. *ff* *molto cresc.*

26 Hauptzeitmass. *ff a tempo* 27 Etwas bewegter. *f pizz.* *arco p*

28 *pp* Allmählich etwas lebhafter. *p* *poco cresc.* *mf* *f* *ff*

29 *ff* *pizz.* *1*

30 *pizz. arco* *f*

31 *get.* *ff*

32 *ff* *1* *1* *fp molto cresc. ff*

33 *ff* *1* *4* *1* *1* Schnell. *(Celli)* *ff* *un.* *ff arco*

accel. *G. P.* *G. P.* *4* *G. P.*

Ex. #3

Contrabass.

II. Satz.

1 Kräftig bewegt, doch nicht zu schnell.

1 *f* 2 3 4 *p* 5 6

7 8 *ff* *Wild.* *p* 9 *immer geh.* *ff* 10 *unif.*

Ex. #4

11 *pp* *ppp* *f* *p* *p* *p* *wieder gestrichen.*

12 13 *1te Hälfte* *10* *13* *Alle. Vorwärts.* *f* *2* *Immer vorwärts.* *2* *pizz.* *15* *2* *ff* *accel.*

Ex. #5

III. Satz.

Feierlich und gemessen, ohne 'zu schleppen.

1 (Pauken) *pp* mit Dämpfer

2 *pp* mit Dämpfer

3 Nur eine Hälfte. *pizz.* 1 2 3 4

Alle Dämpfer ab *pp*

5 *Alle geh.* *pp* *pizz.* 1 2 3 4

6 Zurückhaltend. 1

5 a tempo (Ziemlich langsam.) *unis.* *p pizz.* 2

7 *poco rit. a tempo*

8 Nicht schleppen. *Poco riten. a tempo. sempre pizz.* 2 2 *pp*

9 1 9 1 1 2 3 *pp*

Sehr einfach und schlicht, wie eine Volksweise. 12 *pizz.* 9 11 6 (i. Viol.) *pp*

(Harfe) *pp*

13 Wieder etwas bewegter. *pizz.* 1 3 4 5 6 7 *sempre ppp*

poco riten. *ppp*

Ex. #6

Handwritten musical score for Ex. #6, measures 137-142. The score is written in bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). Measure 137 begins with a handwritten '1' above the staff. The notation includes eighth and sixteenth notes, with dynamic markings *f*, *fff*, and *ff*. A circled measure number '11' is present. Measure 142 starts with a circled measure number '12' and ends with a double bar line. Handwritten annotations include '1 2 4' and '2 2 4' above the notes.

Ex. #7

Handwritten musical score for Ex. #7, measures 284-290. The score is written in bass clef with a key signature of two flats. Measure 284 is marked with '284' and 'unis.'. The notation includes eighth and sixteenth notes, with dynamic markings *ff* and *ppp*. A circled measure number '25' is present. Handwritten annotations include 'sim.' and 'ohne Nachschl.'. The score ends with a double bar line and a handwritten '3' below the staff.