

EUSKADIKO ORKESTRA

BASQUE NATIONAL ORCHESTRA

AUDITION FOR 1 PRINCIPAL DOUBLE BASS 2026/11/17 REGULATIONS:

1. - DESCRIPTION OF THE POSITION

1 PRINCIPAL DOUBLE BASS position is offered. This position is governed by the Collective Labour Agreement currently in force.

2. - REQUIREMENTS

- Be at least 16 years old on the date the deadline for submitting applications for participation ends.
- Applicants must hold an advanced degree or equivalent qualification.
- Possess the functional capacity to perform the tasks specific to the position.
- Not having been disciplined for a serious offense while performing similar duties.
- Not having been dismissed from the service of any Public Administration through disciplinary proceedings, nor being disqualified from public employment or office.
- Be a national of one of the Member States of the European Union or be a national of a state to which, by virtue of the application of the International Treaties concluded by the European Union and ratified by the Spanish State, the free movement of workers applies, or foreigners not included in this paragraph must provide a Spanish Foreigner Identity Number (FIN-NIE) document prior to the registration date.
- Exceptionally, the President of the selection committee (according to the Soloist of the Section, and for his special interest) may admit to this Audition candidacies that do not have the required degree.

3. - ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES.

All candidates who wish to take part in the selection process must apply on <https://www.muvac.com/vacancy/euskadiko-orkestra-basque-national-orchestra-8ywer5qy> before 2026/10/13.

Required documents and archives:

- Citizens included in the Schengen Agreement: copy of the Identity Document or Passport
- Citizens not included in the Schengen Agreement: copy of the Spanish Foreigner Identity Number (FIN-NIE)
- Copy of advanced degree or equivalent qualification.
- Videos, for applications that start in Phase or Round I

For general information and contact: nsarasa@euskadikoorkestra.eus

The list of provisionally selected candidates will be posted on the www.euskadikoorkestra.eus website on 2026/10/14. Candidates not included in the list will have 2 days to correct errors or to submit lacking documentation. The final candidate list will be posted on 2026/10/16.

4. - SELECTION COMMITTEE.

The Selection Committee will be composed of Music Director or Euskadiko Orkestra Music Advisor acting as President and of Musicians members of the Staff. The Technical Manager will act as Secretary, with voice but no vote. The General Manager, Stage Manager and a representative of the works council may be present, with voice but no vote.

5.- EXAMINATION SCHEDULE.

- All the Audition process will be managed as it is described at the Orchestra's webpage "Audition's Terms & Conditions document".
- Fase I will be by video audition, with the excerpts from Exercise I, according to the videos candidates have linked at [muvac](http://muvac.com).
- All videos must be on the [muvac](http://muvac.com) profile of each candidate before 2026/10/13, and every candidate must authorize their [muvac](http://muvac.com) profile so that these videos can be viewed by the Basque National Orchestra.
- Videos must be full-length, from the front, with the camera at approximately 2.5 meters, with a clear flat background wall, without light or windows in the background, and with the highest audio and video quality.
- The candidates must send a single video, made in a single shot and without any editing. Editing this video will result in direct expulsion from this and future Basque National Orchestra's instrumentalist selection auditions. The work must be recorded in the order described in Exercise I.
- Participants who previously accredit Permanent Contract or Temporary Contract in force (minimum 6 months exercised continuous) in the same position in Orchestra or Professional Ensemble, may request before 2026/09/28 to go directly to the presentational Audition on 2026/11/17, with the obligation to be prepared to interpret any work, also those of the video-audition. The approval or not of this request will be communicated to the interested candidacy as soon as possible (limit 2026/10/02) after consulting the President of the Tribunal or person delegated by him, who will respond according to the relevance of the position and group.
- The list of the admitted candidates to attend presentational Audition on 2026/11/17 will be published before 2026/10/23.
- The presentational audition will continue 2026/11/17 at 09:30.
- All candidates must register with their ID or passport from 08:15 to 08:45 on 2026/11/17.
- The Audition will be carried out in various Phases or Rounds as determined by the Jury and works from different Exercises may be mixed (also from Exercise I, video audition). The phases will normally be eliminatory, and at least the first of those carried out in person will be behind the curtain.
- The Jury may ask a candidate to play a specific excerpt or consider an audition finalised when it deems appropriate.
- The Valid candidates who are in the top 3 positions at the end of this Audition, will have access to a support for travel and accommodation expenses, always with receipts justifying different concepts for a maximum amount 350,00€.

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6. - HIRING PROCESS.

- The selected candidates shall contact the Orchestra Administration and submit all of the documentation required to formalise the agreement on the dates stipulated by the Orchestra.
- The duration of the contracts will be indefinite, with a six-month trial period. The approximate annual gross salary is 55.600 EUROS. Starting as soon as possible.

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The presential exercises will begin **on November 17th, 2026, at 09:30**, at the EUSKADIKO ORKESTRA Headquarters, Paseo de Miramón nº124, San Sebastián.

The audition will be performed in orchestral tuning A 442

I.- EXERCISE: (Video audition) (This repertoire may be required in Presential Audition).

Obligatory piece:

- K. DITTERSDORF: Concerto for Doublebass and orchestra, in D major. I mov., (only exposition)

Fragments of orchestra repertoire:

- L. Van BEETHOVEN: Symphony N.5, in C minor, op 67. III mov, pages 12-13 (1)
- W. A. MOZART: Symphony N. 40 in G minor, K 550. I mov, pages 22-23 (1)
- I. STRAWINSKY: Pulcinella (suite). VII mov., page 60 (1)

II.- EXERCISE: (Presential)

Concerto to choose between:

- S. KOUSSEVITZKY: Concerto for Doublebass and orchestra, in E minor, op. 3. I mov.
- G. BOTTESINI: Concerto n.2 for Doublebass and orchestra in A minor. I mov. With cadence

Fragments of orchestra repertoire:

- L. Van BEETHOVEN: Symphony N°9, in D minor, op 125. IV mov.: Recitativo, page 14 (1)
- B. SMETANA: The bartered bride. Obertura, page 34 (1)
- G. MAHLER: Symphony N.1 in D major. III mov., page 58 (1)
- G. VERDI: Othello. Acto IV, page 44 (1)
- W. A. MOZART: Symphony N. 40 in G minor, K 550. I and IV mov, pages 22-24 (1)
- R. STRAUSS: Don Juan, op.20, pages 36-37 (1)

III.- EXERCISE: (Presential)

Fragments of orchestra repertoire:

- W. A. MOZART: Die Zauberflöte, Ouverture, KV 620. Pages 28-29 (1)
- R. STRAUSS: Ein Heldenleben, op 40, page 38 (1)
- J. BRAHMS: Symphony N°2, in D major, op 73. IV mov., page 15 (1)
- A. BRUCKNER: Symphony N°7, I mov., pages 19-20 (1)
- J. HAYDN: Symphony N.31 (ed.E.Mandyczewski. Breitkopf & Härtel, 1907. reprint E.F. Kalmus). IV. Mov. 7th Variation (violoncello solo part) (2)
- A. GINASTERA: Variaciones concertantes XI. Ripresa dal Tema per Contrabasso (3)

Orchestral repertoire available at:

(1) *Orchester-Probespiel = Test pieces for orchestral auditions: Kontrabass / herausgegeben von Fritz Massmann und Gerd Reinke.- Schott, ED 7854.*

(2) <http://imslp.org/>

(3) These fragments are protected by copyright. After authorization by the publishers, each candidate will be provided with a protected pdf with them through a download link. This authorization is solely for this audition, so the applicant undertakes, after the audition, to destroy any copy he may have of it, with any other use that he may make of it being his sole responsibility

* For the interpretation of these Bases in the different languages, the version in Spanish will be the explanatory reference.