

NHSO Bassoon 2nd/Assistant Principal (1 position)

Audition Date: Saturday, April 11, 2026 (daytime)

Application Deadline: March 11, 2026. All forms must be received by this time. Late applications may be accepted only if space is available.

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- Solo of Choice
- Bartok: Concerto for Orchestra, 2nd bassoon, 2nd mvt., excerpts supplied
- Berlioz: Symphonie Fantastique, 2nd bassoon, 4th mvt., 2 measures before Reh. 52 until downbeat of Reh. 53; and 5th mvt., 8 measures after Reh. 63 until 4 measures after Reh 64
- Brahms: Violin Concerto, 2nd bassoon, 2nd mvt, m. 1-32
- Mendelssohn, Symphony No. 3, 2nd bassoon, 2nd mvt, m. 190-213
- Mozart, Ov. to Marriage of Figaro, 1st bassoon, m. 1-24, 101-123, 139-171
- Ravel: Bolero, 1st bassoon, solo from Rehearsal 2-3
- Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade, 1st bassoon, 2nd mvt., solo and cadenzas
- Sibelius: Symphony #2, 2nd bassoon, 2nd mvt., m. 40-55
- Tchaikovsky: Symphony #4, 1st bassoon, 2nd mvt., m. 274-290 and 300-end
- Tchaikovsky: Symphony #6, 2nd bassoon, 3rd mvt., m. 82-86
- Wagner: Overture to Tannhauser: 2nd bassoon, m.1-16

Audition Information

The Assistant Principal Bassoon performs 2nd bassoon parts and in the event the Principal is absent or excused from a Service or Series, the Assistant Principal shall be offered the right of first refusal to play Principal. There is no requirement for doubling; however, if doubling is offered and accepted, additional fees will be paid.

The NHSO does not provide any travel expense reimbursement for any audition. The NHSO reserves the right not to invite an applicant to the audition they have applied for. Audition invitations may be based on submitted application forms and resume. All rounds are held behind a screen.

Please complete the following items:

1. Completed Audition Application Form
2. Deposit check (refundable) in the amount of \$30 payable to the NHSO
3. Updated resume (including dates of experience).

Send these three items to:

NHSO Audition Committee
4 Hamilton Street
New Haven, CT 06511

The deadline for receiving all materials is March 11, 2026. Forms may also be emailed to: audition@newhavensymphony.org

Your deposit check is refundable and will be returned to you at the audition. Cancellations must be received by noon two days prior to the audition to be refundable. If you do not notify us of cancellation and you do not appear for the audition, then your unclaimed check will be deposited.

Copies of the required music will be sent after January 15th, and as soon as completed application materials are received. The NHSO does not provide any travel expense reimbursement for any audition.

The New Haven Symphony Orchestra, a Regional (per service) Orchestra, is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion; an Equal Opportunity Employer; and a National Alliance for Audition Support member. All audition rounds are held behind a screen. The audition committee of the NHSO reserves the right to immediately dismiss any candidates not meeting the highest professional standards. Qualified musicians may be placed on the substitute/extra list. Auditioning candidates must be eligible to work legally in the U.S. and non-US citizens must show work permission before being invited to audition.

Contract Information

In addition to its eight Classics Series concerts, the NHSO annually produces three Pops programs, Young People's concerts, outdoor concerts in the summer, and other special concerts and educational services. Rehearsals are usually held on consecutive weekday evenings (and some weekends) in the day(s) immediately prior to the performance day.

The pay for the 2025-2026 season is \$170.40 for assistant principal. This position is offered for the remainder of the 2025-2026 season beginning May, 2026. Since it is offered after the start of the season, the guaranteed services and required minimums only take effect beginning on July 1, 2026 for the 2026-2027 season. Contracted members are required to play a minimum number of series per season depending on the number of series offered. The NHSO is a part-time per service orchestra, offering on average 35-50 services per season. In addition, there is a travel pay allowance for players living more than 15 miles from New Haven (maximum of \$40 per day).

The substitute list may be updated with results from any audition. To perform with the New Haven Symphony Orchestra, you need to be a member in good standing with your local musicians' union (A. F. of M.). If you are offered more than 6 services within a season you must join local 400, even if you are a member of another local.

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