



PRINCIPAL BASSOON AUDITION

November 16, 2026

DATE: Monday, November 16, 2026

START TIME: 10:00 AM (Eastern Time)

PLACE: Singletary Center for the Arts - 405 Rose Street Lexington, KY 40508

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, October 19, 2026

HOW TO APPLY:

- Applicants wishing to audition must apply by **11:59pm (ET) on October 19, 2026**. [APPLY HERE!](#)
- Invitations to the audition will be sent after all applications have been reviewed.
- Invited applicants will be asked to **email acceptance** and **send a \$50.00 deposit check** to confirm their participation. Both the email and deposit check must be received on or before **November 6, 2026**. The check should be made payable to the **Lexington Philharmonic** and include 'Principal Bassoon Audition' along with your name on the check.

Checks should be mailed to:

Lexington Philharmonic

Attn: Sarah Thrall

161 N. Mill St.

Lexington, KY 40507

Deposit checks will be returned to applicants at the audition. Checks will not be returned to applicants who withdraw after November 6, 2026.

- **Audition excerpt list** can be found on the Lexington Philharmonic [website](#).

Audition info:

- All rounds of the audition will be held behind a screen
- The Lexington Philharmonic tunes to A=440hz
- The Audition Committee reserves the right to dismiss any applicant not meeting the highest professional standards at any time.
- Applicants must be able to provide documentation verifying U.S. citizenship or lawful authorization to work in the United States. The Lexington Philharmonic does not provide visa sponsorship for employment, including work visas.

If you have any questions, reach out to Sarah Thrall, *Director of Artistic Operations* (sarah@lexphil.org)

POSITION INFORMATION

COMPENSATION: The Lexington Philharmonic is a per service orchestra. During the 2025-2026 season the Principal Bassoon position was guaranteed a minimum of 28 services at the per service rate of \$134.75. Rates and service guarantees for subsequent seasons are determined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT: Partial travel/housing reimbursements are given to musicians living outside of Lexington, KY. We reimburse \$0.35 per mile driven, for up to 220 miles (round trip). We also provide a \$70 stipend for overnight accommodations for days that you stay in Lexington.

CONCERT CYCLE SCHEDULE: A typical concert cycle includes four evening rehearsals (Tuesday–Friday, 7:30–10:00pm) and a Saturday concert at 7:30pm.

LEXINGTON PHILHARMONIC: The Lexington Philharmonic (LexPhil) is a dynamic, evolving orchestra located in Lexington, Kentucky. Founded in 1961, LexPhil is central Kentucky's largest professional music organization, serving a diverse population in central, southern, and eastern Kentucky. Each season, LexPhil presents concerts and educational programs advancing its core values of artistic excellence, innovation, collaboration and accessibility.

VISION and MISSION: LexPhil believes in the transformative power of live orchestral music and envisions a culture of curiosity for the creation and performance of great music and the essential role it plays in a vibrant community and education system. Our mission is to foster excellence and innovation in the performance and presentation of great music; to enrich the lives of our diverse citizenry; to educate current and future audiences and to bring distinction to our community through the orchestra's presence and standing.

The Lexington Philharmonic is proud to be an Equal Opportunity Employer and prohibits discrimination and harassment of any kind. All employment decisions are based on organizational need, merit and individual qualifications, without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation or expression, age or disability. We are committed to creating an inclusive environment of mutual respect and care for employees and participants.