

Co Leader (First Violin No.2)

Application and Audition Process 2026

Stage 1: Application

Applicants are asked to complete the online portfolio (the same information that you would include in a CV) for the panel's consideration via Musical Chairs. This stage is screened blind by the panel - please be very careful that the information you provide contains no reference to your name, age or gender. Applications for this position are open to candidates who aren't UK nationals, but must be prepared to obtain Right to Work in the UK.

Stage 2: Live Audition

Candidates will be invited to a live audition on Monday 14 or Tuesday 15 December at the Howard Opera Centre Leeds, LS16PA. Invitation to audition will be made in the last week of November 2026.

Set Pieces

- 1st movement of Mozart concerto of your choice (Exposition only)
- 1st movement of Romantic concerto of your choice (Exposition only)

Live Audition Excerpts:

- Mozart - *Così fan tutte* - Act 1 Finale
- Schoenberg - *Verklärte Nacht*
- Janáček - *From the House of the Dead*, Overture
- Britten - *Peter Grimes*, Sea Interludes, I. Dawn
- Puccini - *La Bohème* - Act 3 - Solo

Excerpts available to download once a candidate has made an application via Musical chairs

Stage 3: Directed Chamber Audition

Select candidates will be invited back to direct a chamber rehearsal with String Players of the Orchestra of Opera North from the violin. This audition will be held in the afternoon of a live audition.

Directed Chamber Round Excerpt:

- Beethoven - String Quartet No.1, Op.18 No.1, 2nd movement bb.1 – 45

Score and First violin part available to download once a candidate has made an application via musical chairs.

Candidates may nominate the day of auditions they are available for. Please note that chamber rounds will be held in the afternoon of the same day as a live audition. The panel cannot guarantee alternate dates to those scheduled and advertised.

Stage 4: Trial

Following auditions, selected candidates will be invited to trial periods with the Orchestra of Opera North through 2027 and 2028