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PRINCIPAL CELLO POSITION

*Salary: **Gross salary is 63,550,000 VNĐ per month (Equivalent to around 52,900,000 Net)***

*Housing allowance: **4,500,000 VNĐ (Net)***

Relocation allowance and 1 economy class round ticket

Health insurance plan

This position is open to candidates of all nationalities.

To apply for this position, please send your resume and complete the application through MusicalChairs (must include Letter of Interest). You may click on “Apply via MusicalChairs” to begin the process.

Applications close: Friday, August 18 by 12:01 HANOI TIME

Audition date: Wednesday, August 27 (details to be given – these will be in person or via video submission, depending on candidate’s choice)

Solos:

One movement of solo Bach (no repeats) *and*
the exposition of a standard repertoire concerto movement

Excerpts:

- Beethoven: Symphony No. 5 (2nd Mvt., beg. to C)
- Brahms: Symphony No. 2 (2nd Mvt., beg. to A)
- Debussy: La Mer (1st Mvt., 2 bef. 9 to 6 bef. 10)
- Mendelssohn: A Midsummer Night's Dream (Scherzo)
- Mozart: Symphony No. 35 (4th Mvt., ms. 134 to 181)
- Strauss: Don Juan (7 m. bef. G to H - top line)
- Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 4 (2nd Mvt., 21 bef. A to A)

Please feel free to send inquiries to the email listed above. For more information about the SSO and living in Hanoi, you may find this on the next pages.



The Sun Symphony Orchestra (SSO) is currently entering a major growth period; with the plan to grow the size of the orchestra from 45 regular musicians to 82 by the middle of 2027. The Sun Symphony Orchestra will soon be the resident orchestra of the brand-new Hanoi Opera House, to be constructed on the beautiful Tay Ho (West Lake). Designed by the firm of world-renowned Renzo Piano, the concert venue will have world-class acoustics and will attract performing artists and organizations from all over the world.

Established in 2017, under the umbrella of the Sun Group, the SSO is Vietnam's premier symphony orchestra, enriching the lives of the country's people through music and bringing a new standard to the Vietnamese cultural scene. Through a rigorous audition process, the orchestra is comprised of some of the finest musicians from around the world and Vietnam. The Sun Symphony Orchestra serves as the nation's cultural jewel, bringing international-caliber performances to its enthusiastic audiences.

In addition to its Mainstage Concert Series, the orchestra is becoming popular for its chamber music performances and for its significant role in educating and mentoring the young people of Vietnam. Since its official launch in May 2018, the Sun Symphony Orchestra has already garnered a reputation for its consistent artistic quality, having earned accolades from prominent composers, international artists and eminent cultural authorities.

Under the baton of Maestro Ochanine, the orchestra has already collaborated with some of the most famous artists in the world including: trumpeter Sergei Nakariakov, British pianist Benjamin Grosvenor, pianist Đặng Thái Sơn and pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet.

Cost of living in Hanoi is some of the lowest globally. Here is an overview of cost expectations:

Type	Monthly Cost (USD)	Notes
Studio (city center)	\$350–600	Fully furnished, expat areas (Tay Ho, Hoan Kiem)
1-Bedroom Apartment (outside center)	\$250–450	Cheaper in areas like Long Bien, Dong Da
2-3 Bedroom Apartment (center)	\$600–1,200	For families or shared housing
Utilities (electricity, water, internet)	\$60–100	A/C in summer increases electricity bills significantly

Type	Monthly Cost (USD)	Notes
Housekeeper (weekly)	\$30–60	Popular in expat households
Item	Average Cost	Notes
Meal at local restaurant	\$1.50–3	Pho, bun cha, com tam, etc.
Meal at mid-range restaurant	\$10–20 (per person)	Western or nicer Vietnamese restaurants
Domestic beer (restaurant)	\$1	Bia Hoi even cheaper
Cappuccino (Western cafe)	\$2–3	Local cafes are cheaper
Monthly groceries (per person)	\$150–250	Higher if relying on imported goods
1 liter milk	\$1.40	
12 eggs	\$1.60	
Chicken breast (1 kg)	\$4–5	
Rice (1 kg)	\$1	
Type	Monthly Cost	Notes
Bus ticket	\$0.30–0.50	Hanoi has a decent local bus network
Ride-hailing (Grab/motorbike)	\$1–3 per trip	Affordable and efficient
Gasoline (per liter)	\$1.00	
Motorbike rental	\$50–80 /month	Buying a used bike is ~\$300–600
Taxi (starting rate)	\$0.50–0.70	
Item	Monthly Cost	Notes
Gym membership	\$20–60	Local vs. international chains
Mobile phone plan	\$5–10	Unlimited data packages available
High-speed internet (home)	\$10–15	
Movie ticket	\$3–5	
International school tuition	\$10,000–25,000 /year	For expat families
Health insurance (expat-level)	\$50–200 /month	Depends on coverage