Placement Auditions for Campus String Players Who are not Music Majors

1. Auditions are for placement only, not for acceptance. All string players are admitted to an orchestra. All you have to do is play three (3) minutes of your favorite piece of music.

   If you are interested in playing in the University of Illinois Philharmonia Orchestra, it is (only) recommended that you play five (5) minutes of two contrasting examples. If you are a non-music major string player wanting to audition for the Philharmonia Orchestra or Illini Strings and have NEVER played in a UI Orchestra before, please sign up for an audition.

   To sign up for an audition, please go to “Audition Sign-up for Philharmonia and Illini Strings.” You will sign up for a 5-minute time block on either Monday, August 22 or Tuesday, August 23. Auditions will be held from 6:30 - 9:30 pm. The audition will be held in Room 2310 (Orchestra Rehearsal Room) in the Krannert Center, Level 2 (below ground). The warm-up area is on the same floor in the Tryon Festival Theatre.

   Please note that orchestra placements are based on audition and not on your availability based on your class schedule. If you are placed in an orchestra that does not fit your fall schedule, we invite you to try to revise your schedule to include the orchestra in which you were placed. Otherwise, we are happy to hold a spot for you for spring semester in the orchestra for which you were placed based on your fall audition. There is no need to re-audition for spring placement.

   If you have any questions about audition requirements or sign-up, please contact Cameron May, the audition coordinator and conductor of Illini String Orchestra (clmay2@illinois.edu).

2. If you are a non-music string player wanting to audition for the U of I Symphony Orchestra, then you must sign up for a Music Major Audition by Instrument and play the required concerto movement or Bach unaccompanied piece and orchestral excerpts. Please see the Violin, Viola, Cello or Double Bass 2016 audition excerpt links.

3. If you are a returning string player whose major is other than music wanting to return to the same orchestra that you have performed in before, you do not have to re-audition. However, please note that orchestra assignments are always made at the discretion of the directors. In the case of players wanting to return to Philharmonia, please understand there is a chance you will be asked re-audition. If you were in Illini Strings and would like to audition for a different orchestra, please prepare the audition requirements as described in #1, above.