

Audition Pack

Associate Principal Oboe

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AUDITION INFORMATION

Position	Associate Principal Oboe
Live audition date	Tuesday 10 November 2026
Audition Venue	ABC Studio 620, 30 Fielder St, Perth WA 6004
Recorded audition due	Tuesday 3 November 2026
Application closing date	Tuesday 3 November 2026
Eligibility	This position is open to candidates with Australian citizenship or permanent residency and New Zealand citizens. Subject to meeting the above criteria, all candidates who apply will be permitted to audition.
Tenure	Permanent, subject to successful completion of 6-month trial period
Audition Process	The audition panel will convene on the audition date. The live auditions will be conducted anonymously (behind screens) in rounds as specified in the audition requirements. Any recorded auditions received will be played back in rounds as part of the live audition process. Panel votes are cast and counted after each round to determine progression to subsequent rounds and identify preferred candidate(s). Preferred candidates may be invited to undertake either a short, 2 – 3-week pre-trial or a 6-month full trial period. Preferred candidates who submitted a recorded audition may be required to perform a live audition as part of their trial period. Applicants will receive further details regarding their audition time, etc. following the closing date.
Accompaniment	WASO will provide a piano accompanist on the day of the audition. Contact details of the accompanist will be provided in advance of the audition should candidates wish to arrange a rehearsal prior to the audition day, however this will be at the candidate's expense.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Current CV / Resume
2. Audition excerpts – see p.6 onwards

HOW TO APPLY

Click [here](#) to complete your application form



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RECORDED AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

SUBMITTING A RECORDING

It is in the applicant's best interest to provide a video recording with broadcast-quality audio.

WASO advises candidates to record the set works / concerti with accompaniment where such a part exists.

Recordings will only be accepted if they meet the following conditions:

- Content to be as per requirements and set list of orchestral excerpts.
- Candidates are advised to check the playback quality of their recording before sending. Particular attention should be paid to the quality of the audio.
- Your recording should be made with orchestral excerpts in numerical order, and recorded with one continuous take for each segment of excerpts as indicated.
- Each required solo repertoire piece must be performed as an entire piece.
- You may replay a section of the required material in the same take, if dissatisfied; however the original attempt must remain recorded.
- Recordings must be received by the closing date.
WASO cannot take responsibility for late or lost material.
- Material must follow the specified formatting and adhere to the WASO instructions for sending electronic files below.

Instructions for sending audition recordings as electronic files:

- Files to be in **MP4, MOV, or AVI format, ideal resolution is 1080P @50fps.**
- Please format the files post-recording so that each excerpt is saved as a separate file.
- Please ensure that each piece and excerpt is clearly titled, i.e. excerpt number, Composer, Title of Work, movement.
- If more than one movement of a concerto is required please save each movement separately.
- Please upload all the files into a single folder, and please name your folder with your name.
- The preferred medium for receiving electronic files is Dropbox (www.dropbox.com).
- Please upload your files to www.dropbox.com and share your folder with auditions@waso.com.au
- Please include your signed Recorded Audition Declaration form in the folder with your recordings.

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POSITION:	Associate Principal Oboe
DEPARTMENT:	Orchestra
AGREEMENT:	WASO Musicians' Agreement 2025 - 2027
CLASSIFICATION:	Associate Principal Musician (Principal/Assoc Principal Level 1 – 3)
UNDERLYING AWARD:	Live Performance Award

1. PURPOSE OF POSITION

Perform as a musician of the West Australian Symphony Orchestra, engage and inspire Western Australians through musical experiences, and be an ambassador for music in the community.

2. KEY RELATIONSHIPS

REPORTS TO	• Relevant Section Principal or Concertmaster – artistic performance • Director, Orchestral Management
KEY WORKING RELATIONSHIPS	• All WASO musicians • Conductor • Orchestral Management • Other departments as required

3. KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Musical Duties

- Play at a professional level on the instrument for which the musician was auditioned / engaged
- Uphold a professional standard and approach in preparation for rehearsals and performances
- Rehearse and perform relevant parts as required
- Participate in scheduled activities as required, including Education & Community Engagement small ensemble activities
- Lead the section where required
- Act as Section Principal as required
- Assist the Section Principal in managing the section including input into the engagement of casuals, and the distribution of parts
- Share the responsibility with the Section Principal for the overall performance standard of the section
- Follow the performance directions of the Section Principal, Concertmaster and Conductor
- Mark parts and convey all relevant information consistent with Section Principal's instructions, in a concise and timely manner
- Participate in auditions, trial assessments, consultative, orchestral, artistic, and section meetings as required

Other Duties

- Participate in scheduled publicity and promotional activities
- Participate in training and professional development activities
- Act as an ambassador for WASO and advocate for orchestral music within the community
- Provide encouragement, performance feedback, advice and support for community and developing musicians
- Demonstrate the WASO Values and adhere to Company policies
- Conduct oneself in a professional manner at all times, in accordance with the WASO Code of Conduct, as outlined in the WASO Employee Handbook

Health and Safety

- Ensure the health, safety and welfare of all employees, customers and visitors, as outlined in the WASO Employee Handbook

4. CORE COMPETENCIES:

Skills

- Professional standard in instrumental performance
- Good interpersonal communication skills
- Good organisational skills
- Leadership skills
- High levels of proficiency as per the WASO Appointment Code

Knowledge

- Appropriate musical training and / or professional performing experience

5. POSITION-SPECIFIC DUTIES:

- Play in any position in the section provided they have the recognised level of proficiency playing those instruments



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Audition Excerpts

Associate Principal Oboe

November 2026

Round 1

MOZART Oboe Concerto - 1st movement exposition and cadenza

Orchestral Excerpts:

1.	STRAUSS, R	<i>Don Juan</i>	Oboe 2	[1 excerpt]
2.	BEETHOVEN	Symphony No. 3	Oboe 1	[2 excerpts]
3.	RAVEL	<i>Le Tombeau de Couperin</i> – Prelude	Oboe 1	[2 excerpts]
4.	TCHAIKOVSKY	Symphony No. 4	Oboe 1	[2 excerpts]
5.	ROSSINI	<i>La Scala di Seta</i> - Overture	Oboe 1	[2 excerpts]
6.	BARBER	Violin Concerto	Oboe 1	[1 excerpt]

Round 2

STRAUSS, R. Oboe Concerto – 2nd movement (Bars 1-24) and cadenza

Orchestral Excerpts:

7.	BRAHMS	Violin Concerto	Oboe 1	[1 excerpt]
8.	ADAMS	Chamber Symphony	Oboe	[1 excerpt]
9.	BARTOK	Concerto for Orchestra	Oboe 2	[2 excerpts]
10.	BRAHMS	Variations on a Theme of Haydn	Oboe 2	[1 excerpt]
11.	DVORAK	Symphony No. 7	Oboe 2	[1 excerpt]
12.	MENDELSSOHN	Symphony No. 3	Oboe 2	[1 excerpt]
13.	STRAVINSKY	<i>Orpheus</i>	Oboe 2	[1 excerpt]

Round 3

Orchestral Excerpts:

14.	BACH	<i>Easter Oratorio</i>	Oboe 1	[1 excerpt]
15.	BRAHMS	Symphony No. 2	Oboe 2	[1 excerpt]
16.	BEETHOVEN	<i>Fidelio</i>	Oboe 1	[1 excerpt]
17.	MUSSORGSKY/RAVEL	<i>Pictures at an Exhibition</i>	Oboe 1	[1 excerpt]
18.	STRAUSS, R	<i>Don Juan</i>	Oboe 1	[1 excerpt]
19.	RAVEL	<i>Ma mère l'Oye</i> – Balletto (1912)	Oboe 1	[1 excerpt]
20.	RAVEL	Piano Concerto in G	Oboe 1	[2 excerpts]
21.	WAGNER	<i>Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg</i>	Oboe 2	[2 excerpts]



Please note: in all excerpts that have multiple bars rests of three measures and over please just observe a general pause.



Recording guidelines:

- Submissions must include both audio and video
- Record the audition material in the following segments, each segment recorded in one single unedited take:
 - Segment 1: Mozart Concerto 1st movement and cadenza
 - Segment 2: Round 1 orchestral excerpts (nos. 1-6)
 - Segment 3: Strauss Concerto 2nd movement and cadenza
 - Segment 4: Round 2 orchestral excerpts (nos. 7-13)
 - Segment 5: Round 3 orchestral excerpts (nos. 14-16)
 - Segment 6: Round 3 orchestral excerpts (nos. 17-21)

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1) STRAUSS, *Don Juan*

(Round 1)

1 excerpt

Oboe 2

Allegro, molto con brio.

ff *ff* *ff*

f *ff* *cresc.* *ff* *fff*

ff

A **B**

2) BEETHOVEN, Symphony No.3

(Round 1)

2 excerpts

Oboe 1

Excerpt 1 - 2nd movement: Marcia funebre

Adagio assai

Viol. I

6

13

cresc. decresc. *p*

A 17

Viol. I

p

Excerpt 2 – 3rd movement: Scherzo

Allegro vivace

6

p

3

p

19

2

3) RAVEL, *Le Tombeau de Couperin*

(Round 1)

2 excerpts

Oboe 1

Excerpt 1 – i. Prelude

(★) **Vif.** ♩ = 92

HAUTBOIS

COR ANGLAIS
(2^d Hautbois)

pp

1

COR A. *pp* *mp*

p

2 **3**

mp

(★) *Les petites notes, dans toute cette Suite, doivent être attaquées sur le temps.*

3) RAVEL, *Le Tombeau de Couperin* (cont.)

(Round 1)

Oboe 1

Excerpt 2 – i. Prelude

[same tempo]

8

f

Prenez le 2^d HAUTB.

4

pp

9

4

Prenez le COR A.

Detailed description: This image shows two systems of musical notation for Oboe 1. The first system covers measures 8 and 9. Measure 8 begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and a half note G4. A rehearsal mark [8] is above the staff. The piano accompaniment in the lower staff features a half note G3 and a half note F#3. A rehearsal mark [8] is also present in the piano part. Measure 9 starts with a piano (*pp*) dynamic and a half note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with a half note G3 and a half note F#3. A rehearsal mark [9] is above the staff. The second system covers measures 10 and 11. Measure 10 begins with a half note G4. The piano accompaniment features a half note G3 and a half note F#3. Measure 11 starts with a half note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with a half note G3 and a half note F#3. A rehearsal mark [9] is above the staff. The piano accompaniment in the lower staff features a half note G3 and a half note F#3. A rehearsal mark [9] is also present in the piano part.

4) TCHAIKOVSKY, Symphony No. 4

(Round 1)

2 excerpts

Oboe 1

Excerpt 1

2nd movement

Andantino in modo di canzona

Solo

p semplice, ma grazioso

9

18

20 A

mf

sf

1

Excerpt 2

3rd movement. Scherzo. Pizzicato ostinato

Meno mosso

133

f

142

p

1

2

3

5) ROSSINI, *La Scala di Seta* – Overture

(Round 1)

2 excerpts

Oboe 1

Excerpt 1

Andantino

p dolce

ad lib.

mp

This musical excerpt is for the Oboe 1 part of the Overture to La Scala di Seta, marked Andantino. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a common time signature, and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music starts with a half note B-flat, followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet. The second staff continues the melodic line with more eighth notes and rests. The third staff features a more complex passage with many sixteenth notes, some marked with accents, and includes a triplet of eighth notes. The fourth staff concludes the excerpt with a final melodic phrase and a double bar line.

Excerpt 2

Allegro

p

This musical excerpt is for the Oboe 1 part of the Overture to La Scala di Seta, marked Allegro. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The music starts with a half note B-flat, followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The second staff continues the melodic line with more eighth notes and rests. The third staff concludes the excerpt with a final melodic phrase and a double bar line.

6) BARBER, Violin Concerto

(Round 1)

1 excerpt

Oboe 1

2nd movement

Andante $\text{♩} = 64$

2

1.

mp espr.

6

11

1

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7) BRAHMS, Violin Concerto

(Round 2)

1 excerpt

Oboe 1

Adagio

Fag. Tutti Hr. (Solo)

p dolce

8

13 Ob.II *p* *dim.*

20 *p*

28 *mf* *f* Solo 11 Solo-Viol.

8) ADAMS, Chamber Symphony

(Round 2)

1 excerpt

Oboe

2nd movement (Aria with Walking Bass)

Bars 82-94 inclusive

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9) BARTOK, *Concerto for Orchestra*

(Round 2)

2 excerpts

Oboe 2

2nd movement: *Gioco delle Coppie. Allegro scherzando*

Excerpt 1

1st Bsn. *p* **25** *f*

p *f* *mf*

33 *sempre stacc.*

41 *cresc.* *f*

Detailed description: This musical excerpt for Oboe 2 spans measures 25 to 41. It begins with a first bassoon part in the upper staff. The Oboe 2 part starts at measure 25 with a piano (*p*) dynamic, marked with a box. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with a crescendo leading to a forte (*f*) dynamic at measure 41, also boxed. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The tempo is *Allegro scherzando*.

Excerpt 2 (same tempo)

tornando - al - Tempo I

p **181** *f* *mf* *p*

sempre stacc. **189**

cresc.

198 1 1 5 **205** 1

f Pochiss rit. a tempo

Detailed description: This musical excerpt for Oboe 2 spans measures 181 to 205. It begins with the instruction 'tornando - al - Tempo I'. The Oboe 2 part starts at measure 181 with a piano (*p*) dynamic, marked with a box. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with a crescendo leading to a forte (*f*) dynamic at measure 198, also boxed. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The tempo is *Allegro scherzando*. The excerpt ends at measure 205, marked with a box, with a 'Pochiss rit. a tempo' instruction.

10) BRAHMS, *Variations on a Theme of Haydn*

(Round 2)

1 excerpt

Oboe 2

(Play both repeats)

Chorale St. Antoni
Andante

ten. ten.

p *f*

7 *p* *pp*

16 *f*

23 *f* *dim. smorz.*

1. 2.

11) DVORAK, Symphony No. 7

(Round 2)

1 excerpt

Oboe 2

2nd movement

Poco adagio $\text{♩} = 56$

1

p legato *pp* *p* *p dim.* *pp*

A

f dim. *pp* *p* *fz dim.* *p* *pp*

2 1 9 B

f *pp* *pp* *pp* *mf* *dim.*

12) MENDELSSOHN, Symphony No. 3

(Round 2)

1 excerpt

Oboe 2

2nd movement

Vivace non troppo $\text{♩} = 126$

The musical score for Oboe 2 consists of seven staves of music. The tempo is marked 'Vivace non troppo' with a metronome marking of 126 quarter notes per minute. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score includes various dynamic markings: *f* (forte), *sf* (sforzando), *mf* (mezzo-forte), *cresc.* (crescendo), *ff* (fortissimo), and *pp* (pianissimo). There are also articulations such as accents and slurs. The score is divided into sections labeled 1, 20, A, 34, 42, 56, 64, 19*, C, 90, 97, and 11. A clarinet part is indicated by 'Clar.' at the beginning of the first staff, and an oboe I part is indicated by 'Ob.I.' at the beginning of the staff starting at measure 19*.

1 20 Clar. *f* *sf* *mf* A

34 *cresc.* *f*

42 *sf* *cresc.* *ff*

56 *sf* *sf* *sf* *sf*

64 *sf* *sf* 19* Ob.I. C *pp*

90 *pp* *pp*

97 11 *f*

13) STRAVINSKY, *Orpheus*

(Round 2)

1 excerpt

Oboe 2

2nd movement – Szene (Air de danse)

2 bars before fig. 80 until 5 bars after Fig. 87 inclusive

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14) BACH, *Easter Oratorio*

(Round 3)

1 excerpt

Oboe 1

230 Adagio 232 3 VL. 1 *p*

238

243

247

251 *p* 3 *p*

258 *cresc.*

263 *f* *p*

15) BRAHMS, Symphony No. 2

(Round 3)

1 excerpt

Oboe 2

Adagio non troppo

The musical score for Oboe 2 consists of four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (D major), and a common time signature. The tempo is marked 'Adagio non troppo'. The first staff contains measures 1-6, with a 'Vcl.' (Violoncello) part indicated below the staff and a 'pp' (pianissimo) dynamic marking. The second staff contains measures 7-15, with a 'Fl.' (Flute) part indicated above the staff and a 'p' (piano) dynamic marking. The third staff contains measures 16-21, with a 'Hr. I' (Horn I) part indicated below the staff and a 'p' (piano) dynamic marking. The fourth staff contains measures 22-24, with a 'dim.' (diminuendo) marking and a 'Fl. I' (Flute I) part indicated above the staff. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, beams, and slurs.

Vcl.

pp

7

mf

p

16

A

Hr. I

p

22

dim.

Fl. I

16) BEETHOVEN, *Fidelio*

(Round 3)

1 excerpt

Oboe 1

Act 2 – No. 11 Introduction and Aria

Poco Allegro
SOLO

81 *p* *cresc.* - - - - - *dim.* *dolce*

88 *cresc.* - - - - - *p*

95 *cresc. poco a poco f dolce*

102

107 *cresc. p*

114 *cresc.* - - - - - *f*

120 *p cresc.* - - - - - *f*

126 *ff* *dim.* *p* 15

17) MUSSORGSKY/RAVEL, *Pictures at an Exhibition* (Round 3)

1 excerpt

Oboe 1

Allegretto non troppo, capriccioso

The musical score is written for Oboe 1 in G major (three sharps) and common time (C). It consists of four staves of music, with the first and fourth staves enclosed in large square brackets. The tempo and mood are indicated as 'Allegretto non troppo, capriccioso'. The score includes dynamic markings: *p* (piano) at the beginning of the first staff, *mf* (mezzo-forte) in the third staff, and *ff* (fortissimo) in the third staff. The music features a variety of note values, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests, with many notes marked with accents. The first staff begins with a *p* dynamic. The second staff continues the melodic line. The third staff features a *mf* dynamic and a *ff* dynamic. The fourth staff concludes the excerpt with a *p* dynamic.

18) STRAUSS, *Don Juan*

(Round 3)

1 excerpt

Oboe 1

a tempo, ma tranquillo

L 3 Solo

p sehr getragen und ausdrucksvoll

2 **M**

espr.

cresc. *dim.*

6

pp *molto espr.* *molto*

19) RAVEL, *Ma mère l'Oye* – Balletto (1912)

(Round 3)

1 excerpt

Oboe 1

PRÉLUDE
Allegro

Solo

pp

p expressif

p

p expressif

20) RAVEL, Piano Concerto in G

(Round 3)

2 excerpts

Oboe 1

Excerpt 1

1st movement

221 **25** Andante a piacere **5** Cl.

222-226

228 *mf*

Excerpt 2

2nd movement

Adagio Assai ♩ = 76 **33** **1** Fl.

1-33

37 *p* solo

6

39-44

(Round 3)

End of excerpts