

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

ALL UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA

Symphony Audition Requirements Spring 2026

Trombone

**Please note, all brass players may also be assigned to AUO Chamber Orchestra if needed. An audition does not guarantee a placement in the AUO Symphony.*

Deadline: December 27, 2025 – 11:59 p.m.

Step 1: Title of Video in Subject Heading should include: *Name_Instrument*

- Example: John Smith_Trombone

Step 2: Video Logistics

- 2 Scales: ascending & descending (2 octave minimum) Quarter = 120
 - Chromatic Scale
 - Melodic Minor scale of your choice
- Audition Excerpts in Order (skip measures of rests)
- Video Format
 - YouTube, Vimeo
 - Make sure links are unlisted or public

Step 3: Email Link (make sure it is either unlisted or public)

- Subject Heading: *Name_Instrument*
- Send to: cmuaao@gmail.com

Step 4: Sign-up for the AUO Discord Message Board and follow the prompts

- [AUO Discord Channel](#)

*We encourage you to simply try your best, there is no need for perfection.
Listen to recordings to help you prepare!*

#1: Dimitri Shostakovich: Symphony Nr. 9; Mvt 4 [Letter I] (Eighth-note = 84)

Largo

Score for Trombones and Bass Trombone, measures 1-5. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 2/4. The Trombone part starts with a *ff* dynamic and a *u2* marking above the first measure. The Bass Trombone part also starts with a *ff* dynamic. Both parts end with a *pp* dynamic in measure 5.

#2: Dimitri Shostakovich: Symphony Nr. 9; Mvt 5 [Letter I] (Quarter = 104)

Score for measures 1-23. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 3/4. The score includes a *poco ritenuto* marking above measure 1, followed by a boxed **I** and a *a tempo* marking. The dynamic *ff* is indicated below measure 1. A crescendo hairpin is shown above measures 1-3. Measure 7 is marked with a *3* (triple). Measure 15 is marked with a *3* (triple) and a boxed **K**. The dynamic *f* is indicated below measure 15. The tempo marking *non troppo* appears above measure 23. The score ends with a large, expressive flourish in measure 23.