



Mississippi Valley Orchestra Position Announcement: Bass Trombone

Mississippi Valley Orchestra (MVO) seeks applications for the position of Bass Trombone. The position is available beginning in September 2026.

Audition date and location:

Sunday, August 30, 2026, starting at 5pm

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (ELCA) 3920 Victoria St N, Shoreview, MN 55126

Audition Logistics

In-person audition. Performed in front of MVO Artistic Director Kornel Thomas and a committee of musicians from MVO.

Repertoire

Approximately 5 min of standard solo of choice

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BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 9 Mvt. 4, mm. 595 - 626

BERLIOZ Hungarian March, 6 bars before Reh. [4] to 2 after Reh. [5]

SCHUMANN Symphony No. 3 "Rhenish" Mvt. 4, mm. 1 - 18

WAGNER *Ride of the Valkyries*, pickup to Reh. [6] to 3 bars after Reh. [7]

excerpt scores are available [here](#)

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Short interview

Applications Materials

Send short resume with emphasis on bass trombone and orchestral experience (no more than 2 pages).

Please submit application materials by 11:59 pm CDT August 21, 2026, to

missvalleyorch@gmail.com

Selected candidates will be notified on August 23, 2026, about their invitation to audition.

Audition will be held on August 30, 2026.

The Orchestra

Mississippi Valley Orchestra is an excellent community orchestra in the Twin Cities metro area; our mission is *to infuse the lives of dedicated musicians, and their neighbors in the Twin Cities, with the creative insights, emotional energy, and camaraderie that come from experiencing classical music together.*

This past season, the Mississippi Valley Orchestra proudly welcomed Kornel Thomas, a distinguished, multi-award-winning conductor and composer, as its new Artistic Director and Conductor. Kornel's guest conducting has brought him to many professional ensembles around

Europe and the United States. Highlights include working with the Hungarian State Opera and Ballet, Hungarian National Philharmonic Orchestra, Dohnányi Orchestra Budafok, Győr Philharmonic Orchestra, and ORF Vienna Radio Symphony Orchestra. In addition to MVO, Kornel was recently appointed Artistic Director and Conductor of the St. Cloud Symphony Orchestra. His compositions range from exploring the complex intricacies of mental health to tackling the urgent and critical challenges posed by climate change. By incorporating a diverse range of musical genres, his aim is to connect with a wide spectrum of music enthusiasts, encompassing various tastes and preferences.

The orchestra was first founded as a chamber group in 1976. Now in its 50th season, MVO is a polished symphony orchestra that offers high level orchestral performances to the public and has achieved growth in its musicians, audiences, and budget throughout the past decade. MVO now consists of 80+ regular musicians, including Minnesota Orchestra first violinist Sarah Grimes as Concertmaster, professional musicians and music educators, graduate and undergraduate students from the School of Music of the University of Minnesota, and many very high-level amateur musicians. Information about our current season can be found at <https://www.mississippivalleyorchestra.com/2026-27-season>

MVO rehearses weekly on Tuesday evenings from late August to early May, and in recent years has been performing five concerts each season. Most performances are scheduled on Sundays, with dress rehearsals typically held on Saturdays.