

LEIPZIGER UNIVERSITÄTS ORCHESTER



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**Conductor
Audition 2017**

UNIVERSITÄT LEIPZIG

History of the Orchestra

The Leipzig University Orchestra (LUO) was founded as an autonomous student orchestra in October 2003. Within a short period of time it developed from initially some few enthusiasts to a complete, classical symphony orchestra.

Soon it was acknowledged by the university and became the Leipzig University Orchestra, which was celebrated with a concert in the Leipzig Gewandhaus. The MDR (public broadcasting) Symphony Orchestra supports the LUO with a sponsorship: We have sectional rehearsals under guidance of musicians of the MDR Symphony Orchestra and we have the possibility to use the MDR-Sinfonieorchester studio.

The orchestra benefits from its committed musicians who are encouraged to participate actively within a democratic structure. The basic rules of this structure are laid down in our statute, which can be found on our webpage. The concert program, section leaders and the conductor, among other things, are chosen democratically by the orchestra. The election of the conductor takes place every two years. On the one hand, we would like to give young conductors the possibility to gain experience, on the other hand, we students want to get to know different ways of conducting and interpreting the music.

Responsibilities of the Conductor

- Each semester, we rehearse and perform one full symphonic program. This program is chosen by the orchestra from suggestions of the members. This process takes place under consultation of and in close cooperation with the conductor.
- The prepared program is performed in one or two concerts (one of them in the Gewandhaus). In addition, the orchestra contributes to the enrolment ceremony of the University of Leipzig (in the beginning of October).
- Weekly rehearsals during the lecture period (on Monday evenings from 7:00-10:00 pm).
- One rehearsal weekend abroad in a youth hostel.
- Very good working knowledge of the German or English language is essential for good musical work.
- The LUO consists of amateur musicians, although of highly motivated ones. Hence, the weekly rehearsals during the lecture period are of fundamental importance and always to be attended by the conductor.
- Fee based employment at the university.

The Election Process

We are looking forward to receive your applications by **05th of May 2017**. It should contain a letter of motivation, a repertoire list and a curriculum vitae.

From all the applicants we invite five candidates to Leipzig to an **audition on Saturday 08th of July 2017**. Here you have the opportunity to work for 30 minutes with the orchestra – in equal parts on two pieces, one unknown to the orchestra and one already performed by it. Afterwards the orchestra members have the possibility to interview the candidate. In addition you can introduce yourself.

In the consecutive election of the future conductor the current one is nominated as a sixth candidate, if he wants to apply for another 2-year period. The successful candidate will be elected for one trial semester first. After that semester the plenary assembly will decide on the confirmation of the candidate for the remaining 3-semester period.

Further information on the orchestra can be found on our webpage:

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