



**Senior Regional Orchestra Auditions - Strings, Piano & Harp**  
**Tuesday, September 30, 2025**  
**Lake Braddock High School**  
**9200 Burke Lake Road**  
**Burke, VA 22015**

**Scales (30% of Total Score)**

- All strings (and piano, when applicable) will prepare all major and melodic minor scales up to three sharps and three flats. 3 octaves for violin, viola and cello. Two octaves for string bass. Four octaves for piano. **NO SCALES FOR HARP** - there is a separate cadenza requirement instead (see harp audition excerpts for more details.)
- String scale bowings: ASCENDING - two slurred, two martelé; DESCENDING - four slurred.
- String scales will be played at quarter note = 120
- Piano scales will played as sixteenth notes at a quarter note = 100
- **ALL SCALES MUST BE MEMORIZED**

**Prepared Excerpts (40% of Total Score)**

- Please prepare each of the selected excerpts. You may be asked to play all of them, some of them, or parts of each. **\*PLEASE NOTE\*** This is a new string rotation! Do not use older rotations - this is labeled "ROTATION C" with the year 2025 written on them.

**VIOLIN**

- **Rachmaninoff: Symphony No. 2 (mvt. 2, 2nd violin)**
- **Brahms: Symphony No. 2 (mvt. 2, 1st violin)**

**VIOLA**

- **Berlioz: Roman Carnival Overture**
- **Glinka: Ruslan and Ludmilla Overture**

**CELLO**

- **Mendelssohn Hebrides Overture**
- **Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 6, (mvt. 2)**

**BASS**

- **Britten: Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra (fugue)**
- **Verdi: Othello (act IV)**

**HARP**

- (in lieu of scales) - **Tchaikovsky: Waltz of the Flowers, cadenza from "The Nutcracker"**
- **Debussy: Prelude to an afternoon of a Fawn**
- **Rimsky-Korsakov: Capriccio Espagnol**

**PIANO**

- **Copland: Appalachian Spring**
- **Stravinsky: Petrouchka "Danse Russe"**

**Sight-Reading (30% of total score)**

- Sight-reading will be required of all the string and piano auditions.
- You will be given 30 seconds to look at the sight-reading excerpt.
- You may NOT play during this time.
- After the time is up, you will be asked to start playing the marked sight-reading excerpt.