



SYMPHONY *of the*  
SOUTHWEST

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Announces the following vacancies for the 2011-2012 season -

Violin 2 – 2 positions, \$31.50 per service  
Cello – 1 position, \$31.50 per service

Auditions will be held **Saturday, September 24, 2011** at:  
**Corona del Sol High School**  
**1001 E. Knox Rd.**  
**Tempe, AZ 85284**

Violin audition will begin at 9:30am. Cello audition will begin at 11:30am.

Applications must be received by 5:00 PM, September 22, 2011. Excerpts can be downloaded from the SSW web site: [symphonyofthesouthwest.org](http://symphonyofthesouthwest.org), or, if specifically requested, excerpts can be mailed to the candidate's home or office.

A non refundable audition fee of \$20.00 is required from each participant. Make checks payable to Symphony of the Southwest. Please include with your check the application form and a brief resume. Those who do not appear at the audition site at the designated time or fail to cancel 24 hours before the audition will forfeit their \$20 check.

The SSW conducts auditions in the following manner -

Candidates are required to sign in at the audition site one half hour prior to when the audition is to begin. The audition steward will be there to sign in all the candidates. Fifteen minutes before the audition starts, the audition committee will give the candidates the first round of excerpts to be played. The candidates will draw numbers from a hat or basket to determine the order in which each candidate will appear before the audition committee. Warm up is allowed in the reception area where the candidates sign in or in the private practice rooms available. Those closest to playing their respective auditions will be given precedence in the use of the private rooms.

At the appropriate moment, each candidate will be escorted by the audition steward from the warm up area to the audition room. Soft soled shoes must be worn by all candidates. Instruments must be tuned before entering the audition room. All candidates will play behind a screen. The candidates will play only the excerpts selected by the audition committee and in the given order. Only Mr. Kellogg, the music director, and the audition steward are allowed to talk in the audition room. If the candidate is not certain about any part of the process, he or she must speak to the audition steward outside the audition area. It is possible that more than one round may be necessary to declare a winner. Therefore all candidates must wait to be dismissed from the audition site by the audition steward. Sight reading may be used to break a tie.

Winning candidates will be announced immediately following the audition. Candidates will have checked the SSW website in advance of the audition for concert dates and will know whether or not they can commit to at least three of the four concert programs to be presented by the SSW during the 2011-2012 season.

For any questions and concerns please call the symphony office, 480-827-2143, or contact Tim Haas, personnel manager, at 480-720-2392 or [sswpersonnel@gmail.com](mailto:sswpersonnel@gmail.com).