



## EMF Audition Excerpts 2026

# Harp

Please prepare **ONE** excerpt to record for your audition. You should select the excerpt that best demonstrates your level of playing.

We encourage you to play this excerpt to your tutor prior to submitting your recorded audition.

Everyone **MUST** submit an excerpt along with your application materials. This is one important step that is used in order to place you in the ensemble that best fits you and your level of playing.

To prepare the selected excerpt to the best of your ability, take time to find out some background about each work. It is important to listen to a recording of the orchestral work from which the excerpt has been taken. Not only will this make it more interesting for you when preparing the excerpt, but it will assist you in understanding the style in which it is usually performed.

Excerpts are a very important part of the process. This process helps the Festival Director and panel understand your approach to music-making and assess your musical knowledge. Look carefully at all the tempo, dynamic and articulation markings, and consider them when you are preparing an excerpt for submission. Any metronome markings are provided only as an indication. Aim for accuracy, beauty of sound, precise rhythm, and good intonation. Don't forget to seek the guidance of a teacher (either private or school).

The excerpts provided are of varying difficulty. Select the excerpt for submission that will be your best representation of your current level of playing.

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Bizet: Carmen – Entr'acte, Before Act 3 (entire excerpt).

And.<sup>mo</sup> all.<sup>to</sup>

ENTR'ACTE.

*pp* 1

2 5 4 5

1

2

3

*cresc.*

*dim.*

*ppp* *smorz.*

**Tchaikovsky:** The Nutcracker – Waltz of the Flowers, cadenza (entire excerpt).

**Tempo di Valse**

Ob. I, II

7

Ob. I

16

*Cadenza ad libitum*

20

24

28

8

*riten.*

The musical score is presented in a standard format with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) for the piano and individual staves for the Oboe I and II. The tempo is 'Tempo di Valse'. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, accents, and dynamic markings like 'ff' (fortissimo) and 'riten.' (ritardando). Measure numbers 7, 16, 20, 24, and 28 are clearly indicated. The 'Cadenza ad libitum' section begins at measure 16 and continues through measure 28, where it concludes with a fermata and a 'riten.' marking.