

Information on the Jumpstart Jr. Foundation Auditions

Every two years Jumpstart Jr. Foundation organizes auditions to select new musicians to play its instruments. We are looking for young musicians (age limit 35 years) with demonstrable experience in Historical Informed Performance.

The Jumpstart Jr. Auditions will be held in the Kleine Zaal of the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam and will take one or two days, depending on the number of instruments available.

Those who are interested to apply need to fill out the registration form. Please note that there will be a pre-selection; sending in the registration form does not necessarily mean that you will be invited to audition.

Every candidate will be invited on a set date at a given timeslot. The auditions will likely run from 10:00hrs - 17:00hrs. The candidate will be expected to arrive at the Concertgebouw one hour before the scheduled audition. There will be a room available for changing and practicing.

If you are invited to the Jumpstart Jr. Auditions you will be required to prepare a programme consisting of:

1. for violin auditions: one movement J.S. Bach solo Sonatas and Partitas to be determined by Jumpstart Jr.
2. for cello auditions: one movement J.S. Bach Cello Suites to be determined by Jumpstart Jr.
3. the rest of the programme is your own choice. Your programme should reflect your interest in Historically Informed Performance.
4. it is required to play at least one piece with accompaniment. There will be a harpsichord provided. You will provide the accompanist and/or other performers yourself.
5. every performance should be no longer than 30 minutes.

You will be asked to prepare a short introduction (5 minutes) to the audience and the jury about who you are and motivation for your programme choice.

All candidates of the Jumpstart Jr. Auditions will be judged by an internationally renowned jury consisting of recognized musicians, conductors, festival directors and programmers.

The auditions will be recorded professionally. Afterwards, every candidate will receive the recordings of his/her performance.

After your performance there will be a short interview. The interview will be private and conducted by the directors of Jumpstart Jr. Foundation. Questions will be provided beforehand.

Please note:

- There will be pre-screening of all candidates.
- Jumpstart Jr. Foundation reserves the right not to invite all or any applicants to audition.
- The Board of Directors will make the decision which candidate(s) will be awarded an instrument.
- Jumpstart Jr. Foundation will not reimburse travel expenses.
- All auditions will be (professionally) recorded.
- Regulations on privacy will apply when joining the Jumpstart Jr. Auditions.