

**Colton Orchestral Fellowship Cello Audition Excerpt List / 2026**

**May 4 & 5: Preliminary Round**

**May 6: Semi-Final Round**

**May 7: Final Round**

Solo Repertoire:

VARIOUS	Standard Concerto	Exposition or equivalent portion from one movement of your choice
BACH	Unaccompanied Cello Suites	One movement of your choice

Orchestral Repertoire:

BEETHOVEN	Symphony No. 5	Mvt. 2, mm. 1-10 Mvt. 2, mm. 49-59 Mvt. 2, mm. 98-106
BRAHMS	Symphony No. 2	Mvt. 2, mm. 1-15
DEBUSSY	<i>La Mer</i>	uppermost divisi, 2 bars before rehearsal 9 to 6 bars after rehearsal 9
MENDELSSOHN	Scherzo from <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Rehearsal C to D
STRAUSS	<i>Ein Heldenleben</i>	Beginning to bar 5 of [2]

# BEETHOVEN: Symphony No. 5

Mvt. 2, mm. 1-10

*Andante con moto*

Musical notation for measures 1-7 of the first staff. The staff is in bass clef, key of D minor, and 3/8 time. It features a series of eighth-note chords with slurs. The dynamics are marked *p dolce* at the beginning and *f* at the end.

Musical notation for measures 8-10 of the second staff. The staff is in bass clef, key of D minor, and 3/8 time. It features a series of eighth-note chords with slurs. The dynamics are marked *p*, *f*, and *p* in sequence. A measure rest is present at the beginning of the staff.

# BEETHOVEN: Symphony No. 5

Mvt. 2, mm. 49-59



# BEETHOVEN: Symphony No. 5

Mvt. 2, mm. 98-106

Musical notation for measures 98-100, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The music consists of a series of eighth notes, grouped into pairs and then into larger groups of four and six, all under a single slur. The notes are: G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, D5, E-flat5, F5, G5, A5, B-flat5, C6, D6, E-flat6, F6, G6, A6, B-flat6, C7, D7, E-flat7, F7, G7, A7, B-flat7, C8, D8, E-flat8, F8, G8, A8, B-flat8, C9, D9, E-flat9, F9, G9, A9, B-flat9, C10, D10, E-flat10, F10, G10, A10, B-flat10, C11, D11, E-flat11, F11, G11, A11, B-flat11, C12, D12, E-flat12, F12, G12, A12, B-flat12, C13, D13, E-flat13, F13, G13, A13, B-flat13, C14, D14, E-flat14, F14, G14, A14, B-flat14, C15, D15, E-flat15, F15, G15, A15, B-flat15, C16, D16, E-flat16, F16, G16, A16, B-flat16, C17, D17, E-flat17, F17, G17, A17, B-flat17, C18, D18, E-flat18, F18, G18, A18, B-flat18, C19, D19, E-flat19, F19, G19, A19, B-flat19, C20, D20, E-flat20, F20, G20, A20, B-flat20, C21, D21, E-flat21, F21, G21, A21, B-flat21, C22, D22, E-flat22, F22, G22, A22, B-flat22, C23, D23, E-flat23, F23, G23, A23, B-flat23, C24, D24, E-flat24, F24, G24, A24, B-flat24, C25, D25, E-flat25, F25, G25, A25, B-flat25, C26, D26, E-flat26, F26, G26, A26, B-flat26, C27, D27, 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# BRAHMS: Symphony No. 2

Mvt. 2, mm. 1-15

Adagio non troppo

The first system of the musical score (measures 1-5) is written for the bassoon. It begins with a dynamic marking of *poco f espr.* and concludes with a *p* (piano) dynamic. The notation includes a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is characterized by a series of eighth-note patterns, often beamed together, with various articulations and slurs.

The second system of the musical score (measures 6-11) continues the bassoon part. It maintains the same key signature and time signature as the first system. The dynamics are consistent with the first system, showing a gradual decrease in volume towards the end of the system.

The third system of the musical score (measures 12-15) concludes the bassoon part. It starts with a *poco f* dynamic, followed by a *dim.* (diminuendo) marking, and ends with a *p* dynamic. The notation includes a key signature of two sharps and a common time signature.

# DEBUSSY: *La Mer*

uppermost divisi, 2 bars before rehearsal 9 to 6 bars after rehearsal 9

Un peu plus mouvementé

9

1-2 3-4 Y 3

*p* *sfp* *mf* *f* *p*

16 *tres rythmé* 3-4 5-6 9-10-11-12 13-14-15-16

*mf* *sf* *f* *ff* *dim.*

*mf* *sf* *f* *ff* *dim.*

*p*

*p*

# MENDELSSOHN: Scherzo from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Rehearsal C to D

Violoncello und Kontrabaß

The musical score is written for Violoncello (Vc) and Kontrabaß (Kb). It consists of four systems of music, each with a double bar line and a rehearsal mark (C, D, C, D) above the first staff of the system. The first system (measures 65-75) features a Vc staff with dynamics *sf*, *sf*, *p pizz.*, and *pp*, and a Kb staff with dynamics *sf*, *sf*, and *p*. The second system (measures 76-83) features a Vc staff with dynamics *pp* and *p*, and a Kb staff with dynamics *pp* and *p*. The third system (measures 84-90) features a Vc staff with dynamics *p* and *p*, and a Kb staff with dynamics *p* and *p*. The fourth system (measures 91-91) features a Vc staff with dynamics *p* and *p*, and a Kb staff with dynamics *p* and *p*. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, accents, and dynamic markings.

# STRAUSS: *Ein Heldenleben*

Beginning to bar 5 of [2]

Lebhaft bewegt.

The musical score is arranged in five systems. The first system is a single bass staff in 4/4 time, starting with a forte (*f*) dynamic and a triplet of eighth notes. The second system continues the bass line with slurs and accents. The third system features a triplet of eighth notes and a first ending bracket. The fourth system continues the bass line with a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic and a triplet. The fifth system is a grand staff for piano accompaniment, marked 'geteilt' (divided). It begins with a piano (*pp*) dynamic and includes trills (*tr*) and a pizzicato (*pizz.*) section. Dynamics range from *pp* to *f*, with markings for *cresc.* and *mf*.