PLU Honor Orchestra for Strings

Audition Requirements:

1. An excerpt (provided at the website listed below) from the literature to be performed by the orchestra.
2. Scales in the key specified below for your instrument.
   a. Three octaves
   b. Quarter note = 80 bpm
   c. Once slurring four eighth notes under each bow
   d. Once playing spiccato sixteenth notes
   e. Keys: Violins – A Major; Violas and Cellos – D Major; Basses – E Major

Recording Specifications

1. MP3 format; may be submitted by mailing a disc or other digital media to: Northwest Honor Orchestra; Department of Music; Pacific Lutheran University; Tacoma, WA 98447, or by uploading files to the drop box on the PLU Honor Orchestra for Strings site.
2. Multiple auditions from your school or orchestra may be sent on a single disc.
3. Please label the files with the name of your school and your last name.

Excerpts for the entry auditions music may be found on our website at http://www.plu.edu/music/workshops/northwest-honor-orchestra/home.php. Excerpts for the principal chair auditions will be chosen from the programmed works, but will not be published prior to the audition.

Important Dates:

- November 1, 2014: High school directors’ nomination deadline
- December 1, 2014: Notification of acceptance will be sent to the nominees and their directors.
- January 9, 2015: Registration and non-refundable fees are due.
- January 16, 2015: Audition recordings must be submitted. Otherwise seating will be assigned at the discretion of the organizers.
- January 24, 2015: An additional onsite audition will determine the principal players in each section. Accepted members are not obligated to take part in the principal chair audition. Only those who wish to be considered for section leadership should do so.