

The USKO is looking for soloists for 2024!

Bach: St John Passion

Beethoven: Ninth Symphony

application deadline: 20 May 2023 via auditie@usko.nl

feedback date: 27 May 2023

audition date: 10 June 2023, Cultuurcentrum Parnassos, Utrecht

The audition fragments for 10 June can be found on the next page.

The Utrecht Student Choir and Orchestra will hold soloist auditions for Bach's St John Passion (BWV 245) and Beethoven's Ninth Symphony (Op. 125) on Saturday 10 June 2023. If you are interested in auditioning, please let us know for which work(s) you would like to audition and for which voice part.

You can audition for the St John Passion, the Ninth Symphony, or for both. The excerpts for the audition day and the concert dates can be found on the next page.

If you are interested, please send your CV (preferably with references) and a recording on which you sing a work of your choice (may also be similar repertoire) to auditie@usko.nl by 20 May at the latest. Based on this, a preselection will be made of auditionees who will be invited to the audition.

Kind regards,
On behalf of the USKO,

Jan Huizinga
h.t Praeses

The USKO likes to give young singing talent a chance to develop themselves by performing as a soloist at our well-attended concerts. For each concert, we offer a market-based fee.

Excerpts soloist auditions USKO

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St John Passion 2024

Grote Kerk, Den Bosch: 6 January (try-out concert)
Jacobikerk, Utrecht: 2 March (Sing-Along Johannes)
Heilig Hartkerk, Maarssen: 15 March
Jacobikerk, Utrecht: 16 March
TivoliVredenburg, Utrecht: 21 March (UUnited festival)¹
tour dates: 12 April - 21 April²

Audition excerpts (numbering according to the NBA, tuning: 441 Hz)

Evangelist recitative 2a: Jesus ging mit seinen Jüngern...
recitative 12c, bars 28 - 38: Da verleugnete Petrus...
recitative 33: Und siehe da...
Christ recitative 10: Ich habe frei...
recitative 16: Mein Reich ist nicht...
Soprano aria 9: Ich folge dir gleichfalls
Alto aria 30: Es ist vollbracht
Tenor aria 13: Ach, mein Sinn
Bass aria 24: Eilt, ihr angefocht'nen Seelen

Beethoven 9 2024

concert dates:

Buitensociëteit, Zutphen: 28 June (opening concert Beethovenfestival Zutphen)
TivoliVredenburg, Utrecht: 29 June

Audition excerpts (Beethoven 9, part 4)

Soprano bar 304 - 313, bar 830 - 842
Alto bar 300 - 313, bar 830 - 842
Tenor bar 296 - 313, bar 375 - 431
Bass bar 216 - 236, bar 296 - 313, bar 830 - 842

¹ The exact nature of this festival concert is still being worked on. It is possible that no or only a few soloists will eventually be involved in the UUnited concert.

² During these dates, the USKO will go on a tour abroad. For tour concerts, the audience is usually given free admission. For this reason, we cannot offer a soloist fee for these concerts. However, travel expenses, accommodation and meals are reimbursed and we offer a daily allowance. Besides the concerts, there is plenty of free time to spend holidays and enjoy the gezelligheid the USKO has to offer.