

Opportunity for students: Verbier Festival Orchestra (summer 2025)

The Verbier Festival Orchestra (VFO) is a rite of passage for today's exceptional young orchestra musicians. It has brought together rising talents with the foremost conductors and soloists of our time for more than 20 years, earning it the reputation as one of the best training orchestras on the planet.

<https://youtu.be/Kutjv0rX6NQ>

Musicians aged 18 to 28 can apply via video or live audition to join this exceptional training programme. From **30 June – 4 August 2025**, students will receive intensive coaching by players from top international orchestras, as well as celebrated conductors (Klaus Mäkelä, Barbara Hannigan, Manfred Honeck, Paavo Järvi, Fabio Luisi, and Teodor Currentzis). The concerts will be broadcast on **medici.tv**.

2025 applications are now open. The live audition application **deadline is 12 December 2024**, and the video audition application deadline is 16 January 2025. The live auditions will take place in Berlin, Geneva, New York, Paris, Vienna and Zurich in January and February. You can find all details about the application and audition process here: <https://www.verbierfestival.com/en/orchestras/vfo/vfo-guidelines/>

VFO alumni have gone on to join leading orchestras around the world, including the Berlin, Israel, New York and Vienna Philharmonics, Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, Royal Concertgebouw, Boston, Chicago and London Symphony Orchestras, and many more.

The VFO is part of the Verbier Festival Training programmes. Other opportunities for students include: the **Verbier Festival Junior Orchestra** (orchestral training for 15–18-year-olds), the **Verbier Festival Academy** (*Soloists, Singers, Ensembles, Creative Entrepreneurs, Audio Engineers*), and the **Verbier Festival Conducting Programme**. Find out more: <https://www.verbierfestival.com/en/artist-training/>