

## WVS Principal Player Responsibilities (Dec 2025)

- **Musical Leadership:** Set the performance standard for the section by playing at a high level, providing a clear example for dynamics, articulation, and phrasing, and ensuring all required solo passages are appropriately covered.
- **Section Interpretation and Unification:** Act as an intermediary between the conductor and the section, translating the conductor's musical vision into technical instructions and using physical cues (e.g., body language, bow lifts for strings) to ensure the section plays as a unified ensemble.
- **Technical Decisions:** Determine and mark section-specific technical details in the music (e.g., bowings for strings, breathing spots, stickings) to ensure consistency across the section.
- **Rehearsal Management:** Organize and lead sectionals (as needed) to work through difficult passages, assisting all members to be prepared for full orchestra rehearsals.
- **Communication & Mentorship:** Maintain open lines of communication with section members, address internal conflicts or concerns, provide constructive feedback, and generally foster a positive and supportive section environment.
- **Recruitment and Coverage:** Ensure each concert is well covered in your section. There are often details necessary to make sure every chair is filled at most rehearsals and at both concerts.
- **Logistics & Administration:** Ensure every section member has the correct music and equipment, help onboard new musicians, and report attendance or behavioral issues or equipment problems to the orchestra management.