The Modern Tuba Player’s List of Orchestral Excerpts (2013)
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THE TOP TEN

F Tuba
Berlioz: Hungarian March (reh 4 to 2 after reh 5)
Berlioz: Symphonie Fantastique (Mvt 4, reh 56 to 6 after reh 57) (Tuba I part)
Mahler: Symphony No. 1 (Mvt 3, reh 3 to reh 4)
Stravinsky: Petrouchka (Bear Solo)

CC Tuba
Gershwin: An American in Paris (reh 66 through reh 67)
Hindemith: Symphonic Metamorphosis (Turandot, reh L through reh P)
Respighi: The Fountains of Rome (pickup to reh 11 through bar 1 of reh 14)
Prokofiev: Symphony No. 5 (Mvt 1, reh 3 to reh 6)
Wagner: Overture to Die Meistersinger von Nurnburg (reh J to reh L)
Wagner: The Ride of the Valkyries

THE EXPANDED LIST

The rest of all of the above, with the exception of Mahler 1 and The Ride. I’ve indicated primarily the sections that get asked at almost every audition. But, I’ve played the other sections of each piece at auditions many times over.

F Tuba
Berlioz: Overture to Benvenuto Cellini
Berlioz: Overture to Le Corsaire
Berlioz: Romeo and Juliet - Intervention of the Prince
Mendelssohn: A Mid summers Night’s Dream (Ein Sommernachtstraum)
Mussorgsky/Ravel: Pictures at an Exhibition - Bydlo
Revueltas: Sensemayá
Wagner: Overture to Act III of Lohengrin (possible on CC tuba)

CC Tuba
Brahms: Symphony No. 2
Bruckner: Symphony No. 4
Bruckner: Symphony No. 7 – Mvt 1 & 4
Bruckner: Symphony No. 8
Holst: The Planets – Jupiter, Uranus
Mahler: Symphony No. 2
Mahler: Symphony No. 5
Mahler: Symphony No. 6
Prokofiev: Romeo and Juliet Suite No. 2 – Montagues and Capulets, Potion Scene
Shostakovich: Symphony No. 5
Strauss: Also Sprach Zarathustra! (Tuba I part)
Strauss: Ein Heldenleben
Strauss: Till Eulenspiegel
Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 4
Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 6 - Mvt 3 & Mvt 4
Verdi: Overture to Nabucco – Opening Chorale
Wagner: Siegfried, Overture to Act II
THE UNUSUAL, BUT NOT UNHEARD OF

F Tuba
Berg: Wozzeck - Beer Garden Scene
Berlioz: King Lear Overture
Berlioz: Requiem (Sanctus and Agnus Dei)
Brahms: A German Requiem
Stravinsky: The Rite of Spring (Tuba I part)
Verdi: I Vespri Siciliani

CC Tuba
Adams: Short Ride on a Fast Machine
Bruckner: Symphony No. 5
Franck: Symphony in D Minor
Hindemith: Mathis der Maler
Kodaly: Hary Janos – The Battle and Defeat of Napoleon
Mussorgsky/Ravel: Pictures at an Exhibition – Baba Yaga and The Great Gate of Kiev
Prokofiev: Romeo and Juliet Suite No. 1 – Minuet
Rimsky Korsakov: Scheherazade
Saint-Saens: Symphony No. 3
Shostakovich: Symphony No. 9 – Mvt. 4
Strauss: Alpine Symphony (Tuba I part)
Strauss: Salome – Scene 3 and Scene 4
Vaughan Williams: Symphony No. 4 - Scherzo
Wagner: Das Rheingold – Scene 3
Wagner: Eine Faust Overture

THE REALLY OUT THERE

F Tuba
Delibes: Coppellia Overture
Tippett: Symphony No. 4
Verdi: Falstaff (also cimbasso)

CC Tuba
Adams: Harmonielehre
Grofe: Grand Canyon Suite
Hindemith: Die Harmonie der Welt
Prokofiev: Symphony No. 6
Revueltas: Homenaje a Federico Garcia Lorca - Mvt 1
Tchaikovsky: Francesca da Rimini
Vaughan Williams: Symphony No. 6
Verdi: Requiem - Dies Irae & Sanctus (also F tuba and cimbasso)
Wagner: Das Rheingold – reh 80 to end of opera
John Williams: Reivers
John Williams: Jabba the Hutt