



Sacramento Youth Symphony

Job Description

Job Title: Premier Orchestra Conductor (Part Time)

Salary \$12,000-\$15,000/year, based on experience

Position start date: July 1st, 2020

Application Deadline: September 1st, 2019; Finalist interviews in early October

Reports to: General Manager

The Premier Orchestra conductor will assume conducting responsibilities for the Sacramento Youth Symphony's elite performance ensemble, the Premier Orchestra. The Premier conductor must be able to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing. The applicant must be self-motivated and possess the organizational skills to ensure completion of tasks. Furthermore, the applicant must have the ability to successfully interface with the General Manager, musicians and parents, and be able to work cooperatively with colleagues and the SYS Board to support the Sacramento Youth Symphony and its mission.

The ideal candidate will possess exceptional musicianship and conducting skills, significant conducting experience, and knowledge of a broad range of repertoire. The candidate will have strong interpersonal, leadership, communication, and planning skills, and will have the vision, passion, and ability to make symphonic music relevant and exciting for existing and new audiences while enhancing orchestra members' understanding and appreciation of music. Previous or current music directorship is preferred.

Required qualifications: a graduate degree in music, or equivalent experience. The applicant must be knowledgeable of string terminology and techniques, and have a substantial background in music history and theory. The candidate must be comfortable in communicating to an audience and the public.

Artistic Duties:

1. Conduct all rehearsals for the ensemble (Tuesday evenings; late August-early May). Arrive on time, as scheduled, to all rehearsals and events, and serve as a role model for the students.
2. Collaborate with the General Manager in planning the concert season, tours, outreach, etc.
3. Conduct all concert performances according to the approved season calendar, including international tours (when applicable).
4. Assist with recruitment of new students for various ensembles within the organization.

5. Select Premier Orchestra repertoire for each season by May 30th prior to each new season.
6. Recommend and arrange for approved community outreach events or performances where appropriate.
7. Foster the artistic and social development of each student to their fullest in keeping with the organization's educational and artistic mission.
8. Play a role as an artistic liaison to the community and to the students and parents with whom you interact.
9. Adjudicate annual Premier Orchestra seating auditions.

Administrative Duties:

1. Attend artistic staff meetings (1-2 per year) and work with the General Manager to accomplish annual organizational goals.
2. Adhere to requested timelines regarding submission of concert programs, seating rosters, and other pertinent information requested by the office staff.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume/curriculum vitae, and a video (Youtube) link of the applicant conducting an ensemble to jobs@sacramentoyouthsymphony.org. All applications will be kept confidential and references will only be requested from candidates that advance to the final selection process. **Application Deadline is September 1st, 2019.**