

**Position:**

Conductor/Strings Specialist for AYSP Junior String Orchestra

**About:**

The AYSP Junior String Orchestra (JSO) is comprised of 30-50 dedicated middle-school violin, viola, cello, and string bass students across the Albuquerque area. The JSO learns and performs music written or arranged for string orchestra, while focusing on excellent playing technique, sight reading skills, and group ensemble skills. JSO rehearses Saturdays from 8:45 AM - 10:45 AM, 2<sup>nd</sup> semester only (January-April), with a concert in Popejoy Hall in late April/early May.

**Position Function Summary:**

The JSO Conductor is a part-time, seasonal position and reports to the Artistic Director. The position is responsible for direction and instruction of AYSP's Junior String Orchestra (JSO). The JSO Conductor maintains high performance quality of the ensemble through thoughtful artistic direction and education, modeling for students the attitude and presence of an exemplary musician. The Conductor collaborates in developing artistic vision for AYSP and serves as a representative of the Program in the community.

**Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Teaches all weekly rehearsals, dress rehearsals and concerts for JSO
- Selects music to be performed and prepares JSO for scheduled concerts
- Selects music for each concert; is responsible for preparing music bowings and fingerings, copying of parts, and folder preparation prior to the first rehearsal
- Prepares weekly rehearsal notes to be sent to students
- Manages attendance with the assistance of an AYSP Parent Manager(s)
- Upholds and enforces student behavior policies as outlined in the AYSP Musician's Handbook during all JSO related activities
- Oversees and directs section rehearsals (4 total)
- Actively recruits students to audition for AYSP programs
- Serves as an adjudicator for middle-school auditions for strings or winds as requested each May
- Fosters positive relationships with other music educators and community members on behalf of AYSP
- Attends AYSP Artistic Staff meetings as scheduled

**Necessary Skills:**

- Knowledge of a wide variety of string orchestra repertoire
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with students, parents, audience, and critical community partners
- Public speaking skills, able to energize an audience and motivate students
- Ability to respond to shifting priorities in a dynamic and changing work environment
- Flexibility to work nights and weekends

**Qualifications:**

Bachelor's degree in music education with proficient teaching and conducting experience

**Begin:**

Second Semester of the 2018-2019 Season (January 2019-May 2019)

**Deadline:**

Friday, October 12, 2018

**Submit:**

Send the following materials to AYSP Artistic Director, Sayra Siverson, by e-mail: [sayra@aysmusic.org](mailto:sayra@aysmusic.org)

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Three references with contact information
- Video footage of teaching a string ensemble class/rehearsal; 5-10 minutes in length