

**Position:**

Conductor or Co-Conductors for AYSP Youth Concert Orchestra

About:

The AYSP Youth Concert Orchestra (YCO) provides unique exposure to full orchestra training for 50-70 string, woodwind, brass and percussion high school musicians from across the four-county area. The Youth Concert Orchestra focuses on excellent playing technique, sight reading skills, and group ensemble skills, while performing a variety of orchestral repertoire as well as works by contemporary composers. The Youth Concert Orchestra Conductor(s) is a part-time, seasonal position and reports to the AYSP Artistic Director.

Position Function Summary:

The position is responsible for direction and instruction of AYSP's Youth Concert Orchestra and could be filled by one conductor, or by two co-conductors (a wind specialist and a string specialist). The YCO Conductor(s) 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(s) 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 (Wednesdays, 6:30pm-9:15pm during the school year), dress rehearsals, concerts, tours and outreach concerts for YCO
- Selects music to be performed and prepares YCO for scheduled concerts
- Coordinates the borrowing and/or purchase of music for each concert; is responsible for preparing music bowings and fingerings, copying of parts, and folder preparation prior to the rehearsal of each new concert program as needed
- Prepares and posts weekly Rehearsal Notes to be sent to students
- Instructs and oversees Parent Manager volunteers during rehearsals
- Manages student attendance with the aid of Parent Managers
- Upholds and enforces student behavior policies as outlined in the AYSP Musician's Handbook during all YCO related activities
- Directs sectional instructors during sectionals; leads sectionals as needed
- Actively participates in annual recruiting efforts for the Program
- Serves as adjudicator for high school auditions as requested each May
- Attends Artistic Staff meetings as scheduled
- Works a part of the AYSP conductor team to build and maintain relationships in the community with other music educators and arts organizations

Necessary Skills:

- Knowledge of a wide variety of orchestral repertoire
- Dedication to music education in our community
- 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; Master's degree in music preferred

Begin:

August 2019

Deadline:

Monday, July 1, 2019

Submit:

Send the following materials by e-mail to: jobs@aysmusic.org

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Three references with contact information
- Video footage of teaching or conducting a music ensemble, if available; 5-10 minutes in length