

Wilmington Symphony Youth Orchestra Conductor – Part-time position

The Wilmington Symphony Youth Orchestra (WSYO) has established itself as a leader in the Cape Fear Region for extracurricular music education and performance opportunities for students. Currently, the 80 members of the WSYO program represent public, private, charter and home schools. The program also has five chamber ensembles comprised of students from the WSYO and Junior Strings. The WSYO is an audition-based ensemble.

The WSYO ensemble performs a minimum of four concerts each season. Concerts and fundraising activities are generally on weekends to avoid school conflicts. Members of the WSYO program are eligible to compete in the annual Richard R. Deas Young Artists Concerto Competition with the opportunity to perform as a soloist with the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities:

- Serve as conductor for the WSYO. This position reports directly to the Executive Director.
- Rehearse the ensemble at its regular Thursday rehearsals and conduct all performances (usually 4 – 5) during the course of the WSYO season which runs September to May. Auditions for the orchestra are in late August and January.

Youth Symphony Conductor Job Description:

- Determine season repertoire for the WSYO.
- Serve on the committee for WSYO entrance and seating auditions in August/September and January and assist in determining placements and seating in the orchestra with the committee.
- Serve on the committee for annual Richard R. Deas Young Artists Concerto Competition.
- Maintain effective communication with WSYO members, parents, coaches, and staff including communicating rehearsal notes, instrumentation, equipment, and library needs to the WSYO Manager for distribution to members.
- Assist in the development and implementation of a recruitment program in the local community through all schools and their music instructors.
- Designate possible guest artists for WSYO concert programs with budget considerations.
- Assist in fund raising efforts and developing relationships with local and state governments, music organizations, and patrons and potential patrons, which

relationships are intended to increase the exposure, opportunities, and funding of the WSYO program.

- Assist the WSO Conductor and Executive Director in playing a visible and active role in the community; helps develop the overall public image of the orchestra in the community and beyond. Speak publicly when called upon to do so as an advocate for the WSYO and provide leadership in the arts community as related to music education for youth.
- Meet with the WSO Conductor, Executive Director and staff to coordinate the events, policies, and artistic direction of the orchestras.
- Collaborate with the Executive Director and the Education Coordinator in developing long range artistic plans for the orchestra such as: special concerts, chamber ensemble programs, etc.
- Candidate must have proven ability to exercise leadership in developing the total artistic quality of an orchestra. Must inspire and relate well to young adult students.
- Perform other duties as necessary.

Required:

- Master's Degree in Music or Music Education or equivalent professional experience preferred.
- Minimum of five years' experience in educational or youth orchestra settings (strings educator with the ability to also guide young wind and percussion players preferred).

Salary/Compensation: \$12,000-\$15,000.

Application Instructions:

Candidates must submit the following materials:

- Current résumé or curriculum vita
- Cover letter addressing your experience and the requirements for the position.
- ***The final candidate(s) will be asked to run WSYO rehearsals and/or a concert as part of the application process. Candidates will be compensated for their time.***

Additional materials (letters of recommendation, list of references, video/audio recordings of rehearsals and performances) may be requested at a later date.

The Wilmington Symphony Orchestra is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Deadline to submit resume is September 30, 2021.

Please submit to:

Liz Scanlon, Executive Director at info@wilmingtonsymphony.org

Include the position title in the subject line.

Resume and cover letter may also be mailed to:

Wilmington Symphony Orchestra

Attn: Liz Scanlon, WSYO Conductor Search

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