

Phoenix Youth Symphony Orchestras

Job Description: Prelude String Conductor
Reports to: Artistic & General Director
Date: June 20, 2022

To apply, Please submit letter of interest, resume and optional link to rehearsal footage with an orchestra by email to corinnmoreno@pysorchestras.org by July 10, 2022.

Overview


The Phoenix Youth Symphony Orchestras (PYSO) Prelude Strings Conductor (PSC) conducts and organizes all performance aspects of Prelude Strings (PS)

Under the direction of the Artistic & General Director (AGD), the PSC selects repertoire, plans rehearsals, leads the recruitment effort for new students for and conducts rehearsals and concerts with PYSO's Prelude Strings.

Primary Duties & Responsibilities

1. Conduct weekly rehearsals and all performances for the PS.
2. Serve as primary audition judge for entrance auditions each May and August.
3. With the PYSO Operations Manager, oversee and engage the parent committee to help with attendance, email communication, seating and music preparation for the PO.
4. Collaborate with the PYSO team, parents, committees, volunteers, and other stakeholders to assure that the PO's musicians have a wonderful experience.
5. Collaborate with the AGD to identify recruitment needs and actively recruit musicians for participation in PS through private teacher communication, school visits and other scheduled events.
6. With the AGD, actively seek and engage in collaborative efforts with other organizations to enhance the PS musician's experience. (e.g., Side by Side rehearsals or concerts, guest artists/coaches, performances at festivals, etc.).
7. Communicate with internal and external stakeholders in collaboration with the AGD and in keeping with PYSO's mission, vision, and values.
8. Collaborate with the media and IT team members to support social media initiatives

Required Skills

- An innovator who challenges the status quo and advances new artistic ideas
 - Excellent musical and conducting skills
 - Must be an active string player
 - Working knowledge of string orchestra repertoire for elementary and middle school levels
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- Demonstrated effective and efficient rehearsal technique
- Self-motivated work ethic
- Problem solver who can identify opportunities for improvement, enhancement, and success
- Strong leadership qualities
- Ability to communicate effectively with students, staff, parents, and a wide range of audience members
- Ability to articulate and demonstrate a deep appreciation for, understanding of, and sensitivity to the needs of high-performing youth musicians.

Education & Experience

- Four-year college degree in orchestral conducting, education and/or music performance with a focus on string performance and/or pedagogy.
- Experience in teaching and/or conducting elementary and middle school level students
- Experience in leading an orchestra program desired, but not required.

Cultural Competencies

- Demonstrates PYSO's mission and values
- Excels in the remote work model
- Drives to the delivery of a high-quality artistic experience, no matter the time or effort required
- Assumes the best about colleagues and musicians
- Demonstrates kindness, empathy, and humor
- Exemplifies positivity, as demonstrated by a “can do” attitude and actions
- Supports the team and colleagues
- Does what it takes to get the work done, inside or outside the job description

Work Model

- Working on location for rehearsals and performances is required
- Remote meeting and office work are flexible and will be determined by the AGD

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