



LaGrange Symphony Orchestra Job Posting Conductor – LaGrange Symphony Youth Orchestra

POSITION TITLE: Conductor, LaGrange Symphony Youth Orchestra

ROLE: Reports to the LSO Executive Director and supervises all artistic operations of the Youth orchestra(s) and the maintenance of the artistic quality of youth performances. This is a Part-Time Position.

POSITION SUMMARY: The person serving as Conductor of one or more of the Youth Orchestras is hired by and is under contract to the LaGrange Symphony Orchestra. The Conductor shall be responsible for the supervision of all artistic operations of the assigned Youth orchestra(s) and the maintenance of the artistic quality of performances. The Conductor shall work in cooperation with the LSO Board of Directors, LSO Educational and Community Outreach Coordinator, and the LSO Music Director and Conductor and within any guidelines established by the LSO Board of Directors.

REQUIRED SKILLS:

- Bachelor's degree in performance or music education with string emphasis
- Effective oral and written communication skills
- Effective computer and social media skills
- Effective organizational and leadership skills
- Successful experience coordinating string programs.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Duties include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following areas:

Artistic Selection and Performance-

- Plans, rehearses, and conducts performances of the Youth Orchestra(s). This includes the selection of works to be performed and stage setup to present the orchestra at its best acoustically and visually.
- Conducts auditions, selects all playing personnel and determines seating within each section of the orchestra.
- Selects and hires teachers for sectionals as needed, as well as additional musicians for performances as needed.
- Selects, orders, marks, prints, and distributes music to Youth Orchestra(s) members.
- Develops and maintains the total artistic and educational quality of the orchestra(s) and advises the LSO Executive Director on matters that concern overall development of the Youth Orchestra(s) as an artistic and educational entity.
- Continues the development and enhancement of personal musical skills.

Administrative/Educational Activities-

- Adheres to all relevant personnel and budgetary policies established by the Board of Directors.
- Follows and implements initiatives as specified in the LSO strategic plan.
- Maintains communication with administrative and artistic staff in the most convenient way available regarding artistic, musical personnel and related matters.
- Serves as a member of the Youth and Education Committee.
- Attends Board of Directors meetings as/if requested.
- Assists with preparing program lists of players, pieces, etc. for LSYO performances.
- Schedules moving and return of equipment for LSYO rehearsals/performances between storage site and concert venues.
- Maintains inventory of chairs, music stands and any other youth orchestra equipment.
- Maintains youth orchestra music library.

Other:

Other responsibilities may be assigned by the Executive Director. Newly assigned job responsibilities shall be documented in writing and placed as an attachment to this position description.

The Youth and Education Committee shall periodically review the Conductor Position Description for content and currency and report its findings to the Executive Committee of the Board for information and/or recommended action.

Scope of Season:

The Youth Symphony(s) consist of two distinct seasons.

- Fall season begins in mid-August and runs through mid-November with a fall concert. This is a strings-only orchestra.
- Spring season begins in early January and runs through late March with a spring concert for both the Youth Orchestra and the String Ensemble (younger musicians). The Youth Orchestra is a full orchestra in the Spring. The youth orchestra participates in a side-by-side performance with the adult orchestra.
- Youth Orchestra and String Ensemble rehearsals occur on Mondays.
- There is a possible one-week Summer Youth Camp participation.

Salary Range: \$7,000 - \$10,000, dependent upon level of expertise and scope of responsibility.

To Apply: Submit resume and/or questions to jobs@lagrangesymphony.org.

Deadline for Application: June 4, 2021