



Eugene-Springfield Youth Orchestras (ESYO) Job Opening – Little Symphony Conductor

ESYO seeks applicants for conductor of ESYO's Little Symphony, a part-time position for the 2019-20 season. ESYO is a nonprofit organization providing music education and performance opportunities for students of all backgrounds in the Eugene/Springfield area in Oregon. Our mission is to inspire and lead students on a journey of discovery through orchestral instruction and performance. We do this by offering the highest quality instruction progressing from beginning classes to advanced orchestras, providing need-based program and private lesson scholarships, and collaborating with area schools and arts organizations.

Little Symphony (LS) is the first of ESYO's three auditioned ensembles. It is a string ensemble with about 30-35 young musicians. It serves as a training orchestra for the full Junior Orchestra (JO) in ESYO's sequential orchestral program. Students usually remain in LS for two or more years before auditioning into JO.

Requirements

- Strings education and performance background
- Exceptional musicianship and conducting skills
- Music-related college degree
- Significant experience working with youth musicians from age 8 and up;
- A proven record of success with audience relations and innovative programming;
- Confidence and patience to motivate and inspire young musicians;
- Strong communication, collaboration, and leadership skills;
- Oregon residents preferred.

Responsibilities

- Develop the artistic vision and conduct the Little Symphony (LS);
- Coordinate and supervise orchestra's activities including, but not limited to, rehearsals, and concerts;
- Conduct and lead LS rehearsals on Monday afternoons from 4:15-5:45pm from Sept-May.
- Present and conduct at least four concerts per season, two formal concerts in December and May, and one outreach concert each in the fall and the spring.
- Arrange and oversee orchestral coaching for the orchestra;
- Work collaboratively with the other ESYO conductors and Executive Director to:
 - Recruit students to audition for LS.
 - Attend spring and fall auditions and help prepare placement lists (early June and Sept).
 - Select appropriate music for LS.
- Work with board members, staff, and registrars to help with marketing materials, concert programs, fundraising events, outreach projects, ticket sales, special events, and recognition;
- Participate in the governance of the orchestra by reporting to the ESYO board of directors as requested;
- Assist in the promotion of the orchestra by being available for public appearances;
- Collaborate with Executive Director and ESYO Board in planning and programming for the orchestra.

Interested candidates may send resumes to holly@esyorchestras.org by July 3, 2019. Please include "LS Conductor Search" in the subject title. In your cover letter, please tell us why you are interested in this position, what your experience and skills will bring to the organization and the orchestra, and how you would meet the schedule requirements. Thank you!