

Job Announcement

Youth Symphony Orchestra Conductor - Ann Arbor School for the Performing Arts (AA-SPA) Permanent Part-time position

Job Description:

The job of conductor for the Youth Symphony Orchestra, a part of AA-SPA's larger Youth Orchestra Program, requires a level of engagement with the students that will inspire them to reach their full potential as young musicians and instill an enduring spirit of collaboration.

The successful candidate will:

- conduct weekly rehearsals September through May and two performances (fall and spring).
- select appropriate orchestral repertoire.
- actively engage in program development, marketing strategies and recruitment.
- maintain a strong working and professional relationship with the other conductors and administrators of the AA-SPA organization.
- help coordinate and participate in termly outreach performances/ activities.
- be available to participate in auditions three times a year.
- provide program notes for concert programs and occasional newsletter articles.

Qualifications:

- demonstrate excellent musicianship and artistry as a musician and educator.
- experienced conductor of full symphony literature meeting the needs of a range of predominantly middle school aged students.
- demonstrate strong leadership skills; be punctual and organized.
- ability to effectively communicate with multiple constituent groups including general public, sectional coaches, students, parents and other Youth Orchestras conductors.
- possess an encouraging, inspiring and engaging demeanor while demanding a high standard of excellence of the members of the orchestra.

Anticipated Start date: September 9th, 2014

Compensation: Commensurate with skills and experience.

Organization: The mission of the Ann Arbor School for the Performing Arts is to cultivate creativity, self-expression and the joy of music for people of all ages and backgrounds through collaborative musical adventures. Now in its 21st year, AA-SPA offers a wide variety of music educational programming ranging from orchestra to jazz studies to musical theater catering to children, youth and adults in Ann Arbor and the surrounding areas. The school is known for its outreach and scholarship programs that make these educational opportunities accessible to the under-resourced and at-risk youth. For more information go to www.aa-spa.org.

Application Process: Each candidate must submit a resume, three references and a 10-15 minute video of their conducting and/or group teaching. Final candidates will be invited to a conducting and standard interview process. A letter of intent, attn. Kasia Bielak-Hoops, Executive Director, and all supporting materials should be sent electronically or by mail by April 6th, 2014 to kbielakhoops@aa-spa.org, or to Ann Arbor School for the Performing Arts, 637 South Main Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104