

Job Description: Part Time Community Orchestra Conductor/Music Director

ABOUT US: New Westchester Symphony Orchestra (NewWSO) is an audition-free community orchestra serving Westchester County and surrounding areas. NewWSO offers instrumentalists of all ages and abilities the opportunity to play the same repertoire as professional orchestras in a non-competitive and supportive environment. We take pride in serving our community and bringing music to everyone.

IDEAL CANDIDATE: Should possess experience and expertise as an educator who has a zeal for teaching/leading adult musicians whose level of playing varies from beginner to intermediate (with some exceptions) and/or who might have returned to playing after a considerable time away from their instrument.

QUALIFICATIONS: Experience leading a full orchestra. Must have proven ability to exercise leadership in developing the total artistic quality of a community orchestra. Have a broad knowledge of music history, styles, and characteristics of orchestral instruments. Background with Music Education a plus. Videos and references are required (one musical, one character reference).

SPECIFIC DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

Music

- Serve as conductor and musical/artistic director for NewWSO:
 - Inspire and lead musicians into delivering creative performances
 - Determine set repertoire for NewWSO in collaboration with the Board at the beginning of each season
 - Liaise with Librarian to obtain music and copy parts for musicians
 - Rehearse the orchestra at its regular Wednesday rehearsals
 - Guide musicians through music scores with effective interpretations of tone, tempo, phrasing, dynamics, and other musical elements
 - Conduct all performances (usually 4-5) during the contract period

Organization

- Create all rehearsal schedules for NewWSO season annually at the beginning of each season
- Provide artistic direction of NewWSO
- Demonstrate outstanding interpersonal and communication skills including patience, tactfulness, and respect in interactions with **the Board and musicians**
- Maintain effective communication and collaborate with NewWSO musicians regarding rehearsal notes, instrumentation, equipment etc.
- Assist in the development and implementation of a musician recruitment program
- Attend monthly Board meetings as ex-officio, assist in coordinating events and developing policies
- Collaborate with the Board in developing long-range artistic plans for NewWSO such as special concerts, chamber ensemble programs, and performances

Community Outreach

- Advise and assist the Board in seeking financial grants and other fund raising and promotional activities

TERMS:

- This position is one-year part-time contractual July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022
- Salary range is \$125-150 (dependent upon experience), per rehearsal and performance
- Probation period is until after the first major performance at which time an interim evaluation will be given
- NewWSO performs at least five concerts per season in addition to a Messiah concert in December and various library, community stages, residential homes, and hospital performances

Please send resumes, videos, references and/or inquiries **BY 5/24/2021** to:

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