



**ASSISTANT ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
COMPETITION 2025**



Lake Chapala Orchestra Assistant Artistic Director Competition

Maximum Age 30 years

Application Procedure

All applicants must provide the following:

- Resume listing education and conducting experience.
- Short Video (no more than 7 minutes) conducting any size of ensemble. Front view only. (Video should be uploaded to YouTube).
- Completed application form.
- Cover letter explaining what candidate can bring to the LCO.
- Candidates must be conversant in English
- \$500 peso application fee (non refundable)
(Information on where to deposit the fee will be sent to every applicant.)
- Applications must be emailed to **mjrmusic01@gmail.com**

Three candidates will be chosen to advance to the competition final

1 st Prize:	\$10,000 and a 2year contract as Assistant Artistic Director
2 nd . Prize	\$7,000
3 rd . Prize	\$5,000

Application Closing Date: July 31 2025

Competition schedule

Thursday October 16 2025

Candidates arrive in Ajijic. Candidates are responsible for their own travel to Ajijic. Overnight accommodation will be provided.

Friday October 17 2025

11am – 1pm Workshop including roundtable discussion on the responsibilities of the Assistant Artistic Director

2pm – 4.30pm Each candidate will rehearse a 10 minute section of Copland's Appalachian Spring (Original version for 13 instruments). Allocated time will be 40 minutes which will include a performance of the rehearsed section. The adjudicating panel will inform each candidate which section they will rehearse 1 hour beforehand.
(The LCO will provide a score to each candidate 4 weeks prior to the competition.)

Overnight accommodation will be provided.

Saturday October 18 2025

11am to 1.30pm Each candidate will be allocated 30 minutes to rehearse the LCO.
Candidates will conduct an overture chosen by ballot the previous day.
The overtures will be:
Beethoven: Coriolan Overture
Mendelssohn: Hebrides Overture
Rossini: Italian Girl in Algiers Overture.

3pm to 5pm Each candidate will conduct a performance of their given overture after introducing the piece to the audience in English.

5.30pm Announcement of the Assistant Artistic Director.

Assistant Artistic Director

Job Responsibilities

- Collaborate with Artistic Director (AD) on concert programming
- Research availability of music
- Prepare music for distribution to players
- Assist in confirming players availability
- Learn how to budget the financial requirements of the LCO
- Assist in creating concert scripts and multimedia content
- Act as cover conductor for all rehearsals and concerts

In return for the above the LCO will provide the Assistant Artistic Director with

- A 2 year contract
- A monthly stipend of \$6,000
- The opportunity to conduct the orchestra in rehearsal and concerts as determined by the AD

If the winning candidate plays an orchestra instrument he/she may also play in the LCO with the ability to earn additional compensation.

The winning candidate must live within easy commuting distance to Ajijic.

The winning candidate will have the opportunity to learn the inner workings of a semi professional orchestra both in practical and administrative areas and will contribute to the forward development of the Lake Chapala Orchestra.



- The Lake Chapala Orchestra (LCO) was formed in 2018 as a community orchestra. It has developed into a semi-professional orchestra of over 60 musicians.
- The orchestra's audience is mainly American and Canadian residents of the Lake Chapala region.
- The orchestra presents up to 7 major concerts per year in the Lake Chapala area as well as chamber concert events.
- The LCO is entirely funded by ticket sales and sponsorships.
- The LCO rehearses on Saturday mornings normally from 11.30am to 2pm.
- The conductor rehearses the orchestra using both Spanish and English languages.

Further information about the orchestra can be found at www.lakechapalaorch.com



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APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Musical Training (List University/College/Courses and Instruments Studied)

Conducting Experience (List Ensembles, Dates and Repertoire)

My uploaded video can be viewed at this URL: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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