

Job Description, Norwalk Youth Symphony (Norwalk, CT, USA)

CONDUCTOR, CONCERT ORCHESTRA

Norwalk Youth Symphony (“NYS”) is looking for an outstanding individual to be the next conductor for its Concert Orchestra, an intermediate-level symphonic orchestra with youth musicians from more than 30 communities in Connecticut and New York.

The Concert Orchestra is the second-level ensemble at NYS and is comprised of talented musicians from 5th to 12th grades, all admitted through an annual audition process. Because of this wide age-range, the conductor must possess the ability to patiently communicate with and encourage the musical development of youth musicians at different stages of personal and musical maturity. A genuine interest in working with youth is essential.

A wide range of shorter original works from the Classical, Romantic, and Contemporary periods is performed by the Concert Orchestra. Recent repertoire includes Mendelssohn and Rossini overtures as well as movements from Beethoven and Brahms symphonies. There are three main performances per season (in November, March, and May) and rehearsals are generally held on Sunday afternoons from September to May at Norwalk City Hall.

In addition to planning and conducting all scheduled rehearsals and concerts, the conductor will take an active role in the audition process and recruitment particularly as the organization emerges from the pandemic and refocuses on growth. The conductor is expected to develop productive relationships with internal and external stakeholders and assist in the general promotion of NYS in part by being available for fundraisers and other events. Depending on interest, there may also be opportunities to teach music theory and coach chamber music for NYS musicians.

Requirements

- Bachelor’s degree in music education or performance
- One year or more conducting a symphonic orchestra
- Experience working with youth musicians desirable

Submission of Interest

Please send an expression of interest, résumé, video link of rehearsal and concert performance (required), list of references, reviews, and repertoire list by May 15th, 2022 to the attention of the search committee at nysed1956@gmail.com.

About NYS

The purpose of the Norwalk Youth Symphony is to enrich the lives of young people within a musical community. We provide the finest possible training, practice and performance opportunities, enabling our students to learn, share and enjoy the power of music.

In partnership with parents, teachers and schools we:

- provide exposure to diverse orchestral styles under the guidance of musical professionals;
- identify and educate motivated students regardless of financial circumstance;
- foster a sense of achievement and self-esteem through a developmental approach; and
- promote self-discipline and teamwork through respect for artistic standards.

The Norwalk Youth Symphony has always been characterized by gifted musicians, dedicated conductors, challenging music and exciting and exacting performances. Founded in 1956, NYS serves nearly 260 musicians from more than 30 area towns each year. What started out as one small orchestra of 55 members has grown to include 2 full symphonic orchestras, 2 string orchestras, one wind ensemble, and supplemental programs including chamber groups and a brass ensemble.

For more about NYS, visit our website at <http://www.norwalkyouthsymphony.org>