

Umpqua Symphony Association

Position Description

Position Title: Music Director of the Douglas County Youth Orchestra

Designation: Part-time (approximately 45 hours/month)

Compensation dependent on experience

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The Umpqua Symphony Association, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, seeks an enthusiastic and engaged **Music Director of the Douglas County Youth Orchestra (DCYO)** to facilitate and advance the Association's mission. The Music Director is selected by and reports to the Executive Director and Board of Directors, and serves as the main teacher and curriculum planner for DCYO. The Music Director works directly and collaboratively with DCYO's Assistant Director, Administrator, and Instructors, and is responsible for cultivating positive relationships with a broad range of partners, teachers, supporters, and organizations.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES/FUNCTIONS:

- Develops programming (repertoire-selection), curriculum, and instructional plans for four levels of DCYO string orchestra, which includes mixed-strings classes of beginning to advanced violin, viola, cello, and bass players.
- Teaches and conducts weekly DCYO rehearsals, drawing from standard string pedagogy and string music education methods.
- Plans, schedules, and supervises orchestra auditions, rehearsals, and concerts.
- Communicates with and supervises the DCYO Assistant Director and DCYO Assistant Teacher(s) in a professional and timely manner.
- Works with the DCYO Administrator to maintain a functional inventory of string instruments, accessories, and music.
- Oversees the purchasing of orchestra sheet music and other instructional materials in accordance with USA policies and procedures.
- Communicates with DCYO students and parents in a professional and timely manner.
- Works with Executive Director, nonprofit partners, local music educators, and community partners to create educational and outreach opportunities for DCYO students.

QUALIFICATIONS

- At least a Bachelor's degree in Music Education and/or Music Performance with a string-instrument (violin, viola, cello, or bass) focus preferred.
- At least two years of music teaching experience, with experience teaching string instrument groups and/or mixed-strings classes preferred.
- Performance fluency on at least one string instrument (violin, viola, cello, or bass), with ability to teach (if not play) the other instruments at a beginning-intermediate level.
- Excellent verbal, writing, and presentation skills.

ABOUT USA/DCYO

For more than half a century, the Umpqua Symphony Association has been dedicated to bringing top quality live music to our community. Since 1955, Douglas County residents have enjoyed concerts given by world-class performers including the Oregon Symphony, Eugene Symphony, Vienna Boys Choir, and Oregon Mozart Players. Our seasons have included performances by symphonic bands, string quartets, brass quintets, vocal ensembles, pianists, and opera. Each year the Association endeavors to present varied concerts from September through May.

The Umpqua Symphony Association is also the proud sponsor of the Douglas County Youth Orchestra (DCYO), which was founded in 1997. Currently, DCYO is comprised of students from ages 8 and up, in four levels of string orchestra that range in ability from brand new beginners to advanced players. DCYO performs two main concerts a season, plus extra outreach performances throughout the year.

It is a goal of the Umpqua Symphony Association to promote music education for young people in our area. Workshops are given by many of our performers to enhance musical growth. Complimentary student tickets are made available to local teachers to encourage young people to attend our concerts.

TO APPLY

Please submit a **cover letter** and a **resume** with a summary of demonstrable accomplishments. If possible, please submit a **short teaching video** (10 minutes max, uploaded as an "unlisted" video to YouTube. Please provide the URL of the teaching video in your cover letter. Videos demonstrating fluency in teaching mixed-strings orchestra classes preferred, but any group teaching scenario is acceptable). Please email all application materials (electronic submissions only) to president@umpquasympphony.org

Position open until filled.

Priority consideration will be given to applications returned by March 31, 2017.