



KINDRED SPIRITS ORCHESTRA

Kristian Alexander | Music Director

ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR POSITION

The Kindred Spirits Orchestra is pleased to announce an Assistant Conductor position intended as a major opportunity for a young Canadian conductor to work within the context of an audition-based community orchestra.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Work in conjunction with the Music Director, General Manager, and other key staff, the Assistant Conductor will plan and conduct educational concerts, community concerts and other special concerts as assigned.
2. Serve as cover conductor for rehearsals and concerts and other programs as assigned. This includes personal preparation of all scores and providing written and verbal feedback on artistic matters relating to repertory (balance, intonation, dynamics, ensemble issues, etc.).
3. Conducting sectional rehearsals and full rehearsals as assigned.
4. Support the work of the Kindred Spirits Orchestra in the creation and delivery of Education and Community Programs, including developing partnerships and seeking opportunities to engage with community groups.
5. Assist the technical staff in the post-production editing of the Kindred Spirits Orchestra performance recordings for archival or broadcast use.
6. Participate in planning meetings, media events, fundraising activities, speaking engagements, educational and outreach opportunities, development meetings and activities, administrative meetings and other activities as determined and identified by the Kindred Spirits Orchestra management.
7. Prepare and deliver pre-concert chats.
8. Perform other duties and functions as assigned by the Music Director.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS

1. High level orchestral conducting experience and broad knowledge of orchestral repertoire and concert programming.
2. Advanced degree in conducting strongly preferred.
3. Fluent in English and able to communicate effectively to musicians, staff and a wide range of audience members. An exceptional level of aural skill will be expected of candidates.

APPLICATION

1. All applications should include full curriculum vitae detailing educational background and professional experience as an instrumentalist and conductor, as well as a DVD or a link to a YouTube video clip of a rehearsal and/or a performance with an orchestra.
2. The search committee, chaired by the Kindred Spirits Orchestra Music Director, will receive all applications for the position in confidence.

This *pro bono* position is considered to be primarily an opportunity for career development and gaining experience.

Applications should be e-mailed to info@KSOchestra.ca or mailed to:

Assistant Conductor Search
Kindred Spirits Orchestra
4981 Highway 7, Unit 8
Markham, Ontario L3R 1N1

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 25, 2013.

The Kindred Spirits Orchestra has performed, to a great acclaim, sold-out audiences, and standing ovations, for 2 seasons at the renowned CBC Glenn Gould Studio in downtown Toronto. As of the 2011 | 2012 season, the KSO has established a 6-concert subscription series at Markham Theatre for the Performing Arts, in addition to 3 community outreach and 2 educational concerts. Led by the charismatic Maestro Kristian Alexander, the Kindred Spirits Orchestra is enjoying an enormous popularity among York Region's residents and continues to attract avid audiences across the Greater Toronto Area. For more information on concert dates, soloists, and conductors, please visit www.KSOchestra.ca

"The performance of the Kindred Spirits Orchestra under the baton of Maestro Kristian Alexander was inspiring, powerful and transformational. The musicians were exhilarating and the audience moved. It was one of the most exciting performances I have seen in a while..." Jacques Israelievitch, violinist (former concertmaster of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra)

"Performing with the Kindred Spirits Orchestra under the baton of Maestro Kristian Alexander was a wonderful experience." Christina Petrowska-Quilico, pianist

"This was a really great concert..., the orchestra sounded fantastic!!! And the choice of music was excellent." Alexa Petrenko, host (National Classical Radio 96.3 FM)

"Kindred Spirits Orchestra plays an important role in promoting arts and culture in Ontario through their outstanding musical performances." The Honourable Michael Chan, Ontario Minister of culture

"I commend the Kindred Spirits Orchestra for their efforts to inspire, uplift, educate and entertain their audiences through the power of music. Your efforts go a long way to developing an appreciation of all forms of music in our communities." Frank Scarpitti, Mayor of Markham

The Kindred Spirits Orchestra holds weekly rehearsals on Tuesday from 7:15 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the newly built state-of-the-art Cornell rehearsal hall (Highway 7 and 9th Line in Markham).