

June 27, 2017

### **Conductor wanted for GYMC String Orchestras**

The Guelph Youth Music Centre is seeking an experienced conductor for its String Orchestra program.

The GYMC has two string-only orchestras (junior and intermediate) intended to teach students the orchestral ensemble and music skills, preparing them to eventually join the Guelph Youth Symphony Orchestra or similar advanced student or community orchestras. Toward this end, the successful candidate will be expected to have strong string teaching as well as conducting skills.

The initial contract will be for one year, with the option to renew, pending an evaluation by the GYMC.

Rehearsals are on Saturday mornings in the Guelph Youth Music Centre Recital Hall from September through May. Duties will include, but are not limited to:

- Designing, implementing, and assessing the program throughout the year.
- Auditioning players to determine placement in one of the two orchestras.
- Selecting and securing music, including using the existing extensive Suzuki String School of Guelph (SSSG) orchestral library, and purchasing any program equipment and supplies as has been pre-approved for full reimbursement upon submission of receipts.
- Weekly rehearsals on Saturday mornings during the school year.
- Maintaining contact with **GYMC office staff** prior to, at the onset of, and during the program as necessary or required.
- Ensuring the safety and comfort of each participant.
- Assuring and arranging for any necessary volunteer assistance for the program.
- Organizing annual orchestra retreats in the fall for the purpose of rehearsals, sectionals and team building.
- Two end-of-session public concerts (December and May).
- A yearly orchestra workshop with a guest clinician.
- Participation of both orchestras in the Guelph Kiwanis Festival.
- Possible additional community and/or school concert(s) for public service and recruitment.
- Assisting in the marketing and promotion of the program.
- Maintaining positive conduct throughout the duration of the program.
- Acting in a professional manner as a representative of the GYMC.
- Finding a suitable substitute instructor if unable to attend a rehearsal(s) or concert(s).
- Work with the GYMC Orchestra Committee comprised of the GYMC ED, teacher and parent members, and also adhere to the *Conductor-Teacher Agreement* and GYMC program guidelines.

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**SALARY:** \$9,000 annually (plus HST if applicable).

**APPLICATION deadline is Monday July 24, 2017:** Applicants should send a resume of their relevant qualifications and experience, and the names and contact information for at least two references.

Applications should be emailed or mailed to:

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Short-listed applicants will be required to rehearse and conduct theGYMC String Orchestras in early September. This will be the live audition part of the application and will be audited by an orchestra selection committee which will make the final selection.

*The **Guelph Youth Music Centre** is a non-profit community organization dedicated to creating, through its facilities and the development of outreach programs, an inclusive environment that promotes music and related arts as life enhancing, recreational and educational opportunities for youth.*