

Music Hall Community Orchestra Principal Conductor Job Description

With the orchestra's community, the Principal Conductor is responsible for leading The Music Hall Community Orchestra as it provides its members with the opportunity for musical expression and enjoyment at the highest levels of performance, in a friendly and welcoming environment.

The joy of including people, encouraging and supporting them, and accepting whatever shortcomings they may have must be more satisfying for the director than achieving a personal goal of musical achievement. That being said the orchestra may reach a level of very good and satisfying performance.

A leader who feels that his or her professional status depends on achieving a level of performance that approaches perfection will probably not be happy or successful with this orchestra. The leader would be comfortable including beginning students in performing, people who love to play but make mistakes and people who play instruments that will add to sections that are already too large. "Your best is good enough."

Qualifications:

- Significant musical talent including an acute ear for orchestral intonation, balance, color; skills in sight-reading and transposition.
- Proven ability to provide a performance experience of the highest caliber through application of effective baton and rehearsal technique.
- Podium presence that captures the power of body language to enhance the quality of the orchestra's performance and support the orchestra's physical and emotional well-being
- Proven ability for developing imaginative programming ideas that have significance to the orchestra, the community and the occasion.
- Basic knowledge of a nonprofit organization, with an understanding and appreciation of the roles of the board, the musicians and the support volunteers.
- Knowledge of how to work with soloists.
- Skills necessary to communicate effectively with orchestra members and audience both in writing and public speaking.
- Ability to work with an orchestra membership that includes musicians of varying backgrounds and abilities.
- The conductor is a non-voting member of the Music Hall Community Orchestra Board.
- BA Degree (or near completion) or higher.
- Three or more years related professional and life experience performing the majority of the duties outlined above.

Responsibilities:

- Conduct concerts as agreed upon by the MHCO Board and in consideration and approval from the orchestra or guest conductors.
- Work with the members of the board and orchestra in developing and planning the orchestral season. Communicate effectively with all entities.
- Determine the number of rehearsals and kind of orchestra and sectional rehearsals.
- Coordinate with a cover conductor/substitute conductor.
- Foster collaboration with community organizations and with the MHCO Board.
- Communicate with the MHCO Board, Librarian and Facilities Manager in a timely and effective manner.
- Commit to fulfilling the orchestra's potential as a community resource and a willingness to participate in the promotional endeavors of the orchestra.
- Assist in the general promotion of the orchestra by being available for public appearances and fund-raising activities.
- Demonstrate a concern for the effect the conductor has on the orchestra member's professional lives and performance quality of the musicians. Foster an environment of mutual respect, fun and learning.

Salary:

- The conductor will be paid on a monthly basis for itemized rehearsals.

*Please send your resume and cover letter to mhcorchestra@comcast.net.
Be prepared to provide 2 or 3 professional references. Job opening closes March 31, 2014*