



## **LOUDOUN SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA (LSYO) Prelude Strings Ensemble Conductor**

### **Purpose of position**

The conductor of Prelude Strings Ensemble will lead a new orchestra of 15-20 young musicians with at least one year of experience with a private teacher or at least one full year of school instruction (Suzuki Book 1 & 2 Equivalent). This ensemble is one of four within the LSYO program. This position reports to the LSYO music director. Prelude Strings will rehearse on Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 PM from September-May and perform 3 concerts per season.

### **Duties include:**

- Determine repertoire and lead all rehearsals
- Participate in LSYO audition process along with LSYO Music Director and other conductors and determine ensemble participants as well as seating.
- Coordinate with LSYO Music Director, conductors, general manager, and Loudoun Symphony executive director on all programs and initiatives.
- Communicate with LSYO (Prelude String members & LSYO Orchestra Staff) regarding rehearsal notes and concert related information.
- Work within budget given for music and music selections.
- Communicate instrumentation and equipment needs to the LSYO Music Director for concerts.
- Plan and direct recruitment efforts with the assistance of the LSYO Music Director and Loudoun Symphony administrative team.
- When possible, assist with activities and plan for the orchestra's annual LSYO Summer Orchestral Institute.
- Speak publicly when called upon to do so as an advocate for the LSYO and music education and provide leadership in the arts community as it relates to music education for youth when possible.
- Be active recruiter (including within Loudoun County Public Schools) for the Prelude Strings Orchestra and LSYO as a whole.

### **Special Skills:**

- Have experience working with beginning string students. This includes possessing the ability to develop foundational string techniques and introduce musical notation.

- Possess clear conducting technique.
- Willingness to be a flexible and committed team-member with the Loudoun Symphony administrative and artistic staff. This includes but is not limited to attending meetings and events outside of the rehearsal time window.
- Maintain current knowledge of industry best practices and standards in youth orchestra management.
- Maintain effective communication with LSYO members, parents, coaches, and Loudoun Symphony staff.
- Maintain current knowledge of schools with band and orchestra programs and maintain collegial relationships with directors of these programs.
- Outstanding interpersonal and communication (oral and written) skills.

### **Compensation**

\$700 per month (\$8,400 per season)

### **Education/Experience Requirements:**

Preference for candidates with master's degree in music performance, conducting, or music education, with at least two years' experience leading a school orchestra program.

**Interested applicants may submit letter of interest and resume until May 15 to:**

#### **Loudoun Symphony Association**

Karen Knobloch, Executive Director

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#### **Loudoun Symphony Youth Orchestra**

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