



Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras Music Director / Jacksonville Symphony Assistant Conductor

Position: JSYO Music Director & Jacksonville Symphony Assistant Conductor
Reports to: Marianne Rice, Director of Music Education & Community Engagement
Roger Wight, Vice President & General Manager
Supervises: JSYO Assistant Conductors

About the Position

The Jacksonville Symphony seeks a talented and dynamic conductor and educator to lead our premiere Education & Community Engagement (ECE) program: the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras (JSYO). The JSYO is comprised of six separate ensembles – four focused on progressive string instruction and two advanced ensembles for full orchestra – serving approximately 200 students in grades 4 through 12. The JSYO program operates on Sunday afternoons during the season, in facilities at the Florida State College at Jacksonville and the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts. There is an opportunity to grow the JSYO and other ECE programs in the context of the emergence from pandemic operations.

The JSYO Music Director also serves as the Assistant Conductor of the Jacksonville Symphony and has the opportunity to cover or conduct select programs across a variety of series and performs other conducting and non-conducting duties as assigned. There is particular emphasis on experience in leading pops and film programs, as well as an interest and aptitude for speaking from the stage and engaging audiences in pops and educational settings.

Candidates must have demonstrated experience leading youth ensembles, substantial professional conducting experience, and broad knowledge of orchestral repertoire and programming. All candidates must be eligible to work in the United States, speak fluent and articulate English, possess a desire to educate and mentor student musicians, and be available to reside in Jacksonville, Florida.

Responsibilities

As JSYO Music Director

- Guide, shape and direct the educational and performance activities of the six ensembles of the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras program.
- Select repertoire and conduct all rehearsals and performances of the two advanced ensembles, Repertory Orchestra and Philharmonic Orchestra; lead non-musical activities such as retreats and orientations.
- Actively recruit and build participation across the JSYO program; maintain positive relationships with area teachers and school and community music programs.
- Collaborate with Director of Music Education & Community Engagement and other team members in building external partnerships that advance the mission and goals of the JSYO and Jacksonville Symphony.
- Participate in short- and long-range planning of all ECE activities.
- Contribute as an active partner in fundraising as needed around JSYO and ECE initiatives.

As Jacksonville Symphony Assistant Conductor

- Conduct select Jacksonville Symphony programs.
- Serve as cover conductor for select Jacksonville Symphony programs.
- Contribute to program planning as needed.
- Participate in the production and execution of Jacksonville Symphony concert livestreams and other media projects.

Requirements

- Three to five years of progressively responsible experience leading a youth orchestra program with focus on providing an impactful and high-quality educational experience for students.
- Ability and enthusiasm to engage with, educate, mentor, and guide elementary, middle school and high school students and maximize their experience as young musicians.
- Experience and skill in engaging audiences, with specific focus on skill in the role of hosting and narrating from the podium during concerts.
- Experience in programming and conducting educational programs with a professional orchestra, including family and school performances.
- Experience conducting a professional orchestra in standard symphony pops programs and film-with-orchestra presentations.
- Availability to conduct rehearsals Sundays from September through May, and for other evening and weekend work as needed.
- Attend staff meetings as needed and maintain effective communication among ECE staff and JSYO students and parents and other stakeholders.
- Ability to assist in the acquisition and preparation of performance materials.

Application Procedure

Tuesday, May 25	10:00am application deadline
Friday, May 28	Finalist candidates notified and invited to June 7 auditions
Monday, June 7	Auditions in Jacksonville

To apply, please submit the following by email before 10:00am on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 to hr@jaxsymphony.org. Please include "JSYO" in the email subject.

- Résumé.
- Letter of interest describing your qualifications and experience.
- Links to at least three conducting videos available online demonstrating contrasting styles and clearly showing the conductor from the orchestra's perspective. If videos are available on a password-protected channel or site, please provide login information.

This position offers a competitive salary and is eligible for full benefits including medical, vision, life insurance, long-term disability, and a 403(b)-retirement plan.

About the Jacksonville Symphony

As Music Director Courtney Lewis begins his sixth season as Music Director, the Jacksonville Symphony celebrates the 2020/21 season that promises another year of exemplary symphonic music. The Symphony performs in the 1,790-seat Jacoby Symphony Hall within the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts. During the current Covid pandemic, the Jacksonville Symphony returned, under very strict physical distancing guidelines, (33% capacity) to live performances in Jacoby Symphony Hall in September 2020. Since then, the Symphony has performed over 63 concerts to 33,000 patrons. During a normal season, the Symphony reaches over 135,000 individuals through almost 100 performances in Jacoby Symphony Hall and communities throughout Florida. The Symphony offers the following performing series and events: Classical, POPS, Coffee Concerts, Symphony in 60, Symphonic Night at the Movies, Family Concerts, Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras. Special events include: Messiah, The Nutcracker, a New Year's Eve concert and other special events throughout the year.

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