



## POSITION DESCRIPTION

**Position Title:** Associate Conductor  
**Reports to:** Vice President & Artistic Administrator  
**Works closely with:** Music Director

The Jacksonville Symphony seeks a talented and dynamic Associate Conductor for the 2022/23 season. The Associate Conductor joins an artistic leadership team that includes Music Director Courtney Lewis and Assistant Conductor/Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra Music Director Daniel Wiley. The position offers a two-year contract with option for a third-year extension.

### Specific duties and responsibilities include:

- Conduct and host programs as assigned across all Jacksonville Symphony series, including classical, pops, films with orchestra, holiday, community, and educational. Assist with programming as requested;
- Serve as cover conductor as assigned;
- Perform other conducting and non-conducting duties as assigned;
- Attend donor events as requested.

### Qualifications, traits and characteristics

- Deep knowledge of the classical symphonic repertoire;
- Experience conducting and rehearsing symphony orchestras. Professional orchestral experience a plus;
- Ability to manage time effectively in rehearsal;
- Strong presentation skills from the stage;
- Ability to maintain positive working relationships across the organization and with Symphony patrons.

### Timeline

January 31, 2022      Application deadline 11:59 p.m.

By February 14, 2022      Finalist candidates are notified

March 16, 2022      Auditions in Jacksonville

- \* All finalists must provide proof of full COVID-19 vaccination in accordance with CDC definitions no later than March 9, 2022. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>
- \* The Jacksonville Symphony will provide all finalists with two nights' accommodation at the Marriott Jacksonville Hotel directly across the street from Jacoby Symphony Hall.

## To Apply

To apply for this position, please submit the following by email no later than 11:59 p.m. on January 16, 2022 to Tony Nickle, Vice President & Artistic Administrator, at [associateconductor@jaxsymphony.org](mailto:associateconductor@jaxsymphony.org):

- Résumé;
- Cover letter describing your specific 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 stored on password-protected channels or sites, please provide login information.

## Compensation and benefits

A competitive salary and comprehensive benefits package, including health insurance, 403-B plan, parking, and complimentary tickets are included.

## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The Jacksonville Symphony is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, sex, color, religion, national origin, disability, military status, sexual orientation or any other status protected by applicable state or local law.

## About the Jacksonville Symphony

Our mission is to enrich the human spirit through symphonic music.

As Music Director Courtney Lewis begins his seventh season on the conductor's podium, the Jacksonville Symphony celebrates the 2021/22 season that promises another year of exemplary symphonic music. Each season, the Symphony reaches over 135,000 individuals through almost one hundred performances in Jacoby Symphony Hall and communities throughout Florida. The Jacksonville Symphony is also committed to the creation of original music and has embarked on an ambitious plan to commission five original compositions between the 2021/22 and the 2024/25 seasons.

The Jacksonville Symphony is one of Northeast Florida's most important cultural institutions. Founded in 1949, the Symphony now enjoys a national reputation, regularly heard on more than 250 public radio stations across the country on *Performance Today*. Combined with performances aired on Jacksonville's public radio station WJCT and the organization's continually growing streaming program, the Symphony reaches over 60,000 individuals through these digital channels. The Symphony's performance home, Robert E. Jacoby Symphony Hall, is an acoustic gem and offers an intimate and acoustically superior concert experience. Each year thousands enjoy the Symphony's performances both at Jacoby Symphony Hall in the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts and at venues located throughout the state of Florida.

The Symphony is a crucial leader in the community for music education, serving four county school districts and over 35,000 students. In addition to offering free tickets to children under the age of eighteen for selected *Florida Blue Classical* concerts, and other special youth pricing, there are

several programs to foster music education. Led by Symphony Assistant Conductor Daniel Wiley, the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras (JSYO) serves more than 300 talented musicians from all over Northeast Florida. The six levels of ensembles enable the JSYO to serve the needs of all musicians with individualized, ability-specific instruction. JSYO enriches orchestral instruction by guiding young musicians with quality musical instruction, improving skills, and maintaining the highest standards. In June 2018, the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras embarked on its first national tour as one of only three student orchestras invited to perform in the Los Angeles International Music Festival at Walt Disney Concert Hall.

Over the years, the Jacksonville Symphony has hosted some of the most renowned artists of the music world including: Isaac Stern, Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, Marilyn Horne, Luciano Pavarotti, Itzhak Perlman, Kathleen Battle, Mstislav Rostopovich, Audra McDonald, Joshua Bell, Lang Lang, Alisa Weilerstein, Branford Marsalis, Renée Fleming and Jean-Yves Thibaudet.