

**GEORGIA YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT:
PHILHARMONIA DIRECTOR**

The Georgia Symphony Orchestra announces a vacancy for director of the Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra (GYSO) Philharmonia ensemble. Philharmonia is one of four youth orchestras in GYSO and is comprised of approximately 90 auditioned middle school and high school players. It is positioned between Camerata and Symphony and plays an integral role in the growth of young players in the GYSO program.

A successful candidate will possess the following attributes:

- Effective and efficient rehearsal planning
- Clear and communicative conducting technique
- Pedagogical background required to rehearse a diverse range of instruments and instrumentalists
- The ability to hold high standards for the ensemble while realizing that today's students are often saddled with a high workload from school and other related activities
- Understanding of the importance and implementation of proper programming for the orchestra
- Understanding and execution of effective approaches to music making with young performers
- Ability to work collegially with GSO/GYSO staff, directors
- Clear and timely communications with parents, students, staff, and other vested parties

Experience:

Minimum Bachelor of Music required, experience with a youth orchestra preferred

Time Requirements:

A successful candidate must conduct weekly rehearsals on Sundays from 2:00PM-4:30PM at the Marietta Performing Arts Center. The GYSO rehearsal and performance calendar runs parallel to Cobb County Schools' academic calendar. Additionally, concerts are scheduled on Sunday afternoons and/or evenings. Directors will also be expected to attend approximately two staff meetings and invited to optional community service and social events throughout each season.

To Apply:

Submit a resume and cover letter detailing relevant experience to GYSOposition@georgiasymphony.org

Application Deadline: February 2, 2019

Hiring process:

After review of submitted applications, selected candidates will be provided parameters for programming 1-2 concerts. After review, selected candidates will be invited to an interview and possible conducting audition with the Philharmonia on February 10, 2019.

The intention is that the final candidate will begin on March 10, 2019 this season, and after a successful rehearsal/concert cycle, will be confirmed for the next full season.

Compensation:

Compensation is commensurate with experience relative to local standards, anticipated in the \$3,800-\$5,000 per season range. Additional benefits are not available with this position.

Our Program:

The Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra program is directly affiliated with the Georgia Symphony Orchestra. GYSO consists of three full orchestras, a string ensemble, a jazz ensemble, a percussion ensemble, 2 elite chamber ensembles, and a youth chorus. With almost 400 students participating, each ensemble is designed to meet the developmental needs of all young musicians. Whether a student just started playing, or is preparing to audition for a conservatory, GYSO is the perfect challenge. We proudly provide the opportunity for our students to refine their musicianship and also develop a lifelong love of the arts.