



Music Director of the Boise Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (BPYO)

Reports to: Executive Director and Music Director of the Boise Philharmonic Orchestra

Supervises: Boise Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (BPYO)

Job Summary

The Music Director of the Boise Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (BPYO) will perform the function of a Principal Conductor, Artistic Director, and Community Arts Leader.

The Music Director of the BPYO is expected to use the resource of the Music Director of the Boise Philharmonic to the fullest extent. It is the responsibility of the Youth Orchestra Music Director to keep the music director well informed and to seek advice regarding all major artistic decisions which affect the Youth Orchestra.

Job Duties and Responsibilities

1. **Principal Conductor:** a performing musician.
 - Conduct all concert performances which strive to give the students performing, and the audience listening, an artistic and educational experience.
 - Conduct all rehearsals and develop a rehearsal calendar which serves to lead the students of the orchestra through their own development as young musicians and increase their ability to contribute to the ensemble.
2. **Artistic Director:** the artistic head of the program.

As related to students:

 - Develop artistic path for the Youth Orchestra through the duration of the Music Director's tenure and through each season.
 - Inspire students to develop inquisitive musical minds through careful selection of repertoire, concert formats and venues, use of sectional coaches, professional musicians, and other innovative activities as appropriate.
 - Support students through their own musical development by providing advice, developing a mentoring relationships, attending important concerts and events, and serving as a reference.

As related to artistic personnel of Boise Philharmonic:

 - Build working relationship with musicians of the Boise Philharmonic, particularly the Boise Philharmonic Music Director and those musicians who serve as sectional coaches for the Youth Orchestra.
 - Provide leadership to sectional coaches facilitating effective and efficient use of their musical and educational skills.

As related to governance:

- Communicate to Boise Philharmonic Board of Directors progress of students and garner input and advice for major artistic initiatives.
 - Attend key meetings of the Boise Philharmonic such as Board meetings and Education Committee meetings and serve as an advocate for the Youth Orchestra within the larger institution.
 - Have a functional knowledge and respect for the administrative arm of the Youth Orchestra and provide leadership in planning and artistic decision making.
 - Be an active participant, under guidance of administrative staff in fundraising, marketing, and operational duties of the Youth Orchestra.
3. **Community Arts Leader:** an advocate, ambassador, and teacher working on behalf of the Youth Orchestra in the education community and beyond.
- Act as figure head in the community for all Youth Orchestra activities.
 - Serve as a resource for area music educators through school visits, consultations, and other educational activities.
 - Be a strong advocate for the Youth Orchestra at all appropriate opportunities when giving public speeches and representing the Youth Orchestra at community wide meetings and events.

Compensation

\$10,000/year for 10 months (August 15-June 15) Benefits are not included in this position.

Application Procedure

Application Deadline: March 16, 2018

Finalist Auditions: April 16, 2018, 4 pm in Boise with the BPYO students.

Qualified Candidates are required to submit the following:

- Cover Letter
- Resume or CV
- Three professional references
- Conducting video footage of at least two different styles of music. Footage should be captured from the orchestra's perspective

All materials, including videos, should be submitted electronically (email link, youtube, etc.) If you are unable to submit electronically, please send the above materials, along with conducting footage by mail.

Please submit materials to:

Lauren Folkner
Director of Education and Community Engagement
Boise Philharmonic

516 S. 9th St.
Boise, ID 83702

Please email materials to:

Education@boisephilharmonic.org (please put "BPYO Music Director" in the subject line)

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About the Organization

The Boise Philharmonic Youth Orchestra is the Treasure Valley's premier performing youth symphonic group. The group is open to woodwind, brass, percussion, and string 9th-12th grade students by audition. The BPYO provides professional ensemble training and opportunities through rehearsals and coachings from principal players of the Boise Philharmonic. The orchestra performs three concerts per year, with programs selected to broaden young musicians' fluency in the enduring masterworks of the standard orchestral repertoire.

The purpose of the Boise Philharmonic Youth Orchestra is:

1. To provide talented, accomplished young musicians from throughout the Treasure Valley with outstanding musical training and experience through full orchestra rehearsals and performances.
2. To enhance and develop current and future arts participation by our youth.
3. To enhance the cultural life of the Treasure Valley by providing excellent performances of orchestra music.

For more information, visit boisephil.org/education/youth-orchestra