

Youth Orchestra Conductor – OSYO (Sep 2023 to May 2024)

Okanagan Symphony Society, Kelowna, BC

What we do.

See it. Hear it. Love it

The Okanagan Symphony Orchestra is the third largest professional symphony orchestra in British Columbia and has entertained residents and visitors from around the world for over 60 years. Through our concerts and programs, we bring the passion of classical music to life throughout the Okanagan valley fulfilling our mission is to awaken curiosity and to share the power of live orchestral music.

In addition to concerts, our community engagement and school programs bring unique music and learning experiences to children and families. Our flagship Okanagan Symphony Youth Orchestra provides a rigorous orchestral education for music students throughout the Okanagan giving youth the support and opportunity they need to master their instruments and perform before live audiences.

What you will do.

The Okanagan Symphony Youth Orchestra (OSYO) was established over 30 years ago to support and encourage the next generation of musicians in our community. The OSYO Conductor role is instrumental in making this happen and is responsible for programming, rehearsing, and conducting of the OSYO and inspiring and encouraging the musical growth of these young musicians.

Why Join Us?

Because what we do makes people feel good. Music entertains and inspires our community and given the current state of the world, it truly helps our mental and emotional well-being. Our team believes that what we do is important and they work together to deliver excellent results. We respect diversity and treat each other with integrity and respect. If these values align with you, you'll love working with us.

The Job.

The Conductor of the Okanagan Symphony Youth Orchestra provides artistic leadership for the OSYO and oversees the training and artistic development of all students. They select a wide repertoire of music that inspire and engage and support the players in their musical development to reach new levels of proficiency and enjoyment with their instruments.

Responsibilities.

- Conducts weekly Sunday afternoon rehearsals from September through the middle of May.
- Plans and leads rehearsals at the annual Camp Hatikvah Retreat in September.
- Conducts two concert series, Fall and Spring (6 concerts) per year.
- Works closely with the OSO Music Director to prepare an annual side-by-side performance with the OSO professional musicians.
- Plans for sectional rehearsals with Community Engagement Coordinator utilizing OSO professionals.

- Sets the musical standards of the OSYO, sees to the choice of music for the ensemble, and decides on chair placement.
- Determines concerto soloists from the OSYO and supports the composition program selecting which compositions are to be performed.
- Ensures OSYO program budget targets approved by the OSS Board are met.

This contract position reports to the Executive Director and works closely with the Music Director of the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra, OSO musician coaches, and the Community Engagement Coordinator.

This position is part-time averaging up to 10 hours per week from September to May. All rehearsals and performances take place on weekends and evenings. Sunday rehearsals take place in Kelowna. Concert venues are in Kelowna, Penticton, and Vernon.

We encourage innovation and creativity in all our staff and mentor and orient all new hires. If you are self-directed, results-oriented, and have a customer service attitude, you'll fit in at the OSS. If you have a university education, experience conducting, and working with youth we would be delighted to hear from you.

The complete job description is available [here](#). Please visit our website at [Career Opportunities | Okanagan Symphony Orchestra](#)

Send your resume to the attention of the Hiring Committee at careers@okanagansymphony.com

Completion of a Police background check will be required for this position.

No phone calls please. Only those applicants selected for an interview will be notified.

Application Deadline: Monday, May 29, 2023, 3:00pm PDT