

JOHNS CREEK
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Johns Creek Symphony Orchestra Music Director

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Details

Posted: January 1, 2023

Location: Johns Creek, Georgia (metropolitan Atlanta)

Type: Contract

Categories: Music Director/Conductor

Term to begin with the Season 19 (2024-2025)

The Johns Creek Symphony Orchestra (JCSO) invites applications for the position of Music Director. Application deadline is March 1, 2023.

Position Summary:

The JCSO seeks specific leadership characteristics in its Music Director. These attributes include but are not limited to:

First-rate music and artistic acumen: Providing exciting and memorable performances, effective rehearsals, stylistic accuracy, and musical integrity. The capability of taking the orchestra and its musicians to the highest possible artistic level.

Artistic vision: Articulates clear and broad programming vision, in the short and long term, able to program in a balanced fashion that includes both traditional and new or lesser-known music; builds trust with all constituencies, leading to audience growth. Understands the demographics of Johns Creek and surrounding areas.

Effective community ambassador: Johns Creek is a sought after and nationally top-ranked community in the Atlanta metro area with a diverse audience and demographics. The Music Director actively engages in donor cultivation and fundraising, advocates with press and community groups, and works with students and seniors.

Financial acumen: Works creatively with Board committees to develop compelling programs within budget parameters; understands and works within managerial and Board structures, and union contract specifications (if applicable).

Respectful collaborator, communicator, and consensus builder: Confident, reliable and courteous in rehearsals; collegial rapport with musicians and administrative staff; sensitive accompanist to soloists; cultivates mutual respect; communicates positively to both internal and external constituencies including as needed during performances. Comfortable speaking in public formats. Culturally aware and sensitive.

Musical and organizational leadership skills: Proven record of artistic growth and overall effectiveness; networks within the music world to bring talented guest conductors and soloists to the JCSO as needed.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

The specific duties and responsibilities of the Music Director of the JCSO are as follows:

- Conducts concerts as needed in both subscription series format as well as others as needed to support community involvement.
- Delivers pre-concert talks for all concerts that he/she conduct(s) if needed.
- Collaborates with the Artistic Planning Committees and orchestra operations and the orchestra's Artistic Advisory Committee to develop all programming, on time and within budget, and to select appropriate guest conductors and soloists for concerts,
- Respects the terms of the union contract with the musicians (if applicable)
- Attends all final round auditions
- Reports to the Johns Creek Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors
- Attends Board meetings whenever possible but minimally 75% of the time.
- Collaborates with Board and JCSO staff and artistic planning committee on determining artistic vision,
- Collaborates with President and Executive Director to help ensure the orchestra's success and viability and make adjustments as needed,

- Collaborates with the Fundraising and Marketing Committees to lend his/her presence and leadership to significant fundraising opportunities,
- Collaborates with JCSO staff to contribute ideas for marketing JCSO offerings

Requirements/Skills/Experience:

4 Year Degree

The Music Director will provide strong leadership for the organization within the parameters of its structure, while working with the many stakeholders within the JCSO and in the Johns Creek and Atlanta metro community.

Should have a proven track record in leading a multi-faceted orchestra.

Compensation:

The JCSO is in a growth phase as the city of Johns Creek and surrounding areas evolve and grow. Compensation will initially be on a per performance period basis. We anticipate five major performance periods per season at a rate in the range of \$3,000 each, negotiable commensurate with experience. There will also be additional performances (ex. outreach concerts, Meet the Orchestra, etc.) that will result in extra compensation. Each performance engagement period will include all the necessary responsibilities that are required for the Music Director to fulfill, such as rehearsals, concerts, auditions, fundraising and interviews if needed.

Orchestra Description:

ABOUT THE JOHNS CREEK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The mission of the Johns Creek Symphony Orchestra is to enhance the quality of life for Johns Creek and north Metro Atlanta residents through the presentation of high-quality performances, educational and other outreach programs that reflect the cultural diversity of the community. More can be viewed at our website at JohnsCreekSymphony.org

HISTORY:

Johns Creek Symphony Orchestra (JCSO) is Metro Atlanta's only fully professional, part-time symphonic orchestra. JCSO is the result of the vision of founder J. Wayne Baughman, who witnessed dramatic growth in northeast Fulton County and the emergence of Johns Creek as a leading community. Maestro Baughman believed there was a need for a performing arts

organization that would become a cornerstone of culture for the area, and after two years of planning and a successful trial concert in December 2006, JCSO was incorporated on April 28, 2007.

EDUCATION CONCERTS

Johns Creek Symphony Orchestra's flagship arts education program, "Meet the Orchestra," has been performed for elementary school aged children in Fulton County Schools since 2011. This interactive program introduces kids to the different instruments and instrument families of the orchestra in a fun-filled and educational 60 minute program.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Johns Creek Symphony Orchestra regularly performs community outreach performances in Johns Creek and the Greater North Fulton area. These include an annual free concert at Newtown Park, concerts for the Rotary and other civic organizations, performances at area nursing homes, small ensemble performances in Newtown Park, and free online concerts and educational activities.

Application Process:

Please send all application materials to: mdsearch@johnscreeksymphony.org

Please include:

- Cover Letter and Resume with current contact information
- Links to three videos clearly showing you conducting a concert or rehearsal
- Five References with contact information
- Concert Programming Samples for one Classics Concert, one Holiday or Pops Concert, one Education Concert (if available), and one Collaborative Community Concert

Only applications submitted online will be considered. Please do not send hard copies of materials. DVDs, VHS tapes, CDs, etc. will not be reviewed.

Interviews will be scheduled and occur within the fiscal and performance Season 17 (2023-24). Finalists will guest conduct the orchestra during Season 18 (2024-25). Appointment will be finalized following Season 18 (2024-2025 fiscal year). Term to begin with the Season 19 period (2024-2025).