



The mission of the Louisville Youth Orchestra (“LYO”) is to fuel the passion and growth of young musicians through extraordinary musical experiences. Founded in 1958, the LYO offers an engaging and enriching instrumental ensemble experience to nurture a lifelong love of music. LYO currently serves nearly 400 students throughout the Kentucky and Southern Indiana region through eight ensembles of varying abilities.

Repertory Orchestra Conductor (part-time)

The Louisville Youth Orchestra is seeking a talented person to conduct LYO’s junior symphony orchestra. A successful candidate will demonstrate capacity to progress the ensemble toward professional standards. Repertory Orchestra is a training ground for students aspiring to join LYO’s flagship Symphony Orchestra. The position is under the direct supervision of the Music Director.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Conducts Repertory Orchestra at rehearsals and performances.
- Education, training, and artistic development of the Repertory Orchestra.
- Prepares students for the professional demands of becoming an orchestral musician (etiquette, rehearsal preparation, principal chair leadership, etc.)
- Participates in conducting student auditions and aids in the process of student placement.
- Supports overall organizational health by promoting student retention and recruitment.
- Maintains excellent relations with community teachers, professionals, and arts stakeholders.
- Maintains healthy interpersonal and working relationships with students, families and LYO personnel.
- Chooses engaging and challenging repertoire that is appropriate and achievable, regularly reviewable by the Music Director.
- Responsible for all appropriate bowings and editorial marks (fingerings, lifts, shifting).
- Available for periodic meetings at the request of LYO senior leadership.
- Complete other reasonable duties which may be requested on an occasional basis.

Desired Qualifications/Skills:

- Bachelor’s Degree (minimum)
- Experience in educational setting.
- Strong strings pedagogy required.
- Conversant with woodwind, brass, and percussion musicians.
- Strong podium skills and presence.
- Approachable and likeable.
- Positive outcome on background check.
- Willing to work Sundays to accommodate LYO rehearsals and performances.

If you are someone you know is interested in exploring this opportunity, please contact Matthew Vanover, Executive Director, at matthew@lyo.org. Please include a cover letter, resume and links to any available video references.

