

## Conductor of the Junior String Ensemble

The Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes announces an opening for the Conductor of the Junior String Ensemble. The conductor will be an independent contractor, whose term of 9 months will run from September 2020 through May 2021, with the potential to be considered for the separate position of assistant conductor for both the Junior String Ensemble and the Youth Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes for the 2021-22 season.

The Junior String Ensemble (JSE) provides advanced challenges and opportunities for the development of young string players who are enthusiastic about music and not quite ready to join the Youth Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes (YOSFL). Students from Corning, Elmira, Ithaca, and the Twin Tiers come together to rehearse weekly, learn and grow musically, and prepare three public concerts each year.

Primary Duties will include but not be limited to

- Conduct Sunday afternoon rehearsals 4:30-6:00 in Horseheads, NY, and concerts in the Elmira-Corning area, according to the year's schedule
- Select appropriate repertoire according to the students' abilities and within budget
- Actively recruit and audition new students in conjunction with the YOSFL auditions
- Assess students' abilities and assign orchestra seating arrangements
- Coordinate parent volunteers to serve as chaperones, supply snacks, etc.
- Communicate regularly with the YOSFL Conductor and the Managing Director
- Cooperate with the rented facility's expectations for cleaning up after each rehearsal/concert
- Comply with all federal, state, and local health and safety guidelines

The successful candidate will have the following skills, credentials and abilities.

- Bachelor's Degree or higher in music with string instrument specialty
- experience teaching and conducting intermediate string students
- good communication skills to work effectively with students, parents, administrative staff, and other conducting staff as well as with local music educators and private teachers
- well organized with attention to detail and planning
- ability to set up and clean up chairs, etc. before and after each rehearsal and performance
- ability to exercise discretion with confidential information, such as tuition assistance needs and special health accommodations for students
- committed to come prepared and early to each rehearsal/concert and offer an enriching experience to the students
- ability to teach online, if necessary

This position requires approximately 2 hours of contact teaching time per week with some flexibility. Compensation will be a professional service stipend paid monthly over nine months, September through May. A criminal background check will be conducted.

To apply, please email a résumé and cover letter to [info@osfl.org](mailto:info@osfl.org)