



BAY AREA FRIENDS of the FINE ARTS

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Position:

Orchestra Director

Location:

Sayville/Bayport Area

Overview

The Bay Area Friends of the Fine Arts (BAFFA) has an immediate opening for an Orchestra Director. This is a contract position beginning on July 1, 2024. The selected candidate will serve as the principal conductor of the Bay Area Symphony Orchestra which consists of volunteer members. The Orchestra Director will influence the creative direction and overall identity of the orchestra and occasionally collaborate with the BAFFA Chorus.

Responsibilities

- Conduct up to three concerts (fall, spring, and early summer.)
- Select and study the music to be performed at all orchestra concerts.
- Attend all scheduled orchestra rehearsals to prepare for each concert.
- Work with the Orchestra Manager(s) and Music Committee to select concert music, dates, locations, and times.
- Select soloists for concerts (as needed / desired).
- Review and approve concert programs including program notes.
- Coordinate with Orchestra Librarian to search for and procure orchestra music.
- Work with and support the section leaders.

Qualifications

- Exceptional musicianship and conducting skills, including working with musicians at varying levels of skill and proficiency.
- Familiarity with a varied music repertoire.
- Willingness to introduce new / non-traditional genres in order to challenge players of multiple levels.
- Knowledge of orchestra policies and procedures.
- Responsible, assertive, organized, polite, proactive, and pleasant to work with.
- Excellent communication skills and attention to detail.
- Experience playing in an orchestra and an ability to assist with recruiting new or fill-in Orchestra members is a plus.

Applicants are required to submit:

1. A **cover letter** that contains a statement of your artistic vision and a statement on how you would advance the mission of BAFFA.

2. Resume or CV

3. A **video link** that showcases your skills and musicianship as a conductor. Rehearsal and/or concert recordings are acceptable. Links can be to a YouTube video (public or private), Google Drive, or Dropbox.

4. **Three professional references** with names and contact information, including at least one musician and/or administrator with whom you have worked.

All applications will be considered strictly confidential.

Finalists will be contacted personally by phone.

Questions may be directed to orchestramanager@baffa.org

No phone inquiries.

Apply at: www.baffa.org/jobs

Salary: \$2,000 per concert