The West Virginia Symphony announces the opening of the position of Music Director

The Position:

The Music Director reports directly to the Executive Committee of the Board and is responsible for the fulfillment of the orchestra’s artistic product and its image in the community. In collaboration with the board and staff, s/he is responsible for programming and artistic production. The Music Director has primary authority for the selection, development and replacement of musicians in accordance with the musicians’ union contract and fiscal parameters set forth by the Board. As the orchestra’s artistic leader, s/he must build and sustain the orchestra’s visibility in the community. The Music Director is expected to work closely with the President, the Board and staff in carrying out these responsibilities and to participate actively in the orchestra’s fundraising activities.

Requirements:

Candidates must possess exceptional musicianship and conducting skills and have significant professional conducting experience, including work with professional musicians and knowledge of a broad range of repertoire. Ideal candidates will also demonstrate strong interpersonal, leadership and communication skills; enthusiasm for and experience with music education and community engagement; vision, passion and ability to make symphonic music relevant and exciting for existing and new audiences. The successful candidate will be expected to maintain a primary residence in Charleston WV.

Application procedures:

Email all application materials to: JTackett@wvsymphony.org. All applications will be accepted in the strictest of confidence. Deadline for all materials is October 1st, 2021.

This position will commence with the 2023-2024 season. As part of the search process, the WVSO plans to invite candidates as guest conductors for the 2022-2023 season.

The application must include a personal letter of interest and statement of artistic vision, a CV (including a current repertoire list and names and contact information for three references), and links to video recordings (which may include at least one rehearsal) if possible. Please do not include materials that are not specifically requested.

The WVSO is committed to amplifying the voices of individuals from underrepresented communities within the orchestral world. Candidates of diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

About the WVSO:

The WVSO is the region’s premier source of professional orchestral performances. The WVSO annually serves an audience base of over 75,000 people. Each season provides a Symphonic series, Pops series and joint performances of Tchaikovsky’s The Nutcracker with the Charleston ballet.

While the largest number of concerts take place in Charleston, the WVSO has a statewide impact. Dedicated to serving the citizens of our state, the WVSO is committed to reaching out to all demographics.
and communities. Other education and outreach programs include Touring and Run-out performances across the state; Symphony Sunday on the campus of the University of Charleston; annual performances of Young People’s Concerts in Charleston, Parkersburg and other locations for students from across West Virginia and the Kanawha County Strings Program (WVSO musicians teaching in local schools).