

REPORTS TO: Executive Director (ED)

HOURS: Supplemental Pay Position of Greenville County School District (GCS) on behalf of the GCYO Association.

JOB SUMMARY: The Young Artist Orchestra (YAO) Conductor will be an artistic leader, strong conductor, and inspiring pedagogue as they work with the top level ensemble of Greenville County Youth Orchestras. The YAO Conductor collaborates with the Executive Director (ED) to further the educational and artistic goals of the organization. YAO performs regularly at the Peace Center for the Performing Arts, Greenville's pre-eminent concert hall. The new conductor will help usher in a new era of artistic excellence by advocating for taking the orchestra on tour and continually recruiting top students.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Conducts and leads the *Young Artist Orchestra* (YAO) at all rehearsals, dress rehearsals and performances (3-4 performances a year)
- Rehearsals are held on Monday evenings, following the Greenville County Schools (GCS) Calendar (34+ rehearsals)
- Develops/improves students' orchestral performance skills
- Assures music is marked as needed, holds seating auditions, maintains the necessary instrumentation
- Chooses repertoire to inspire and challenge players
- Prepares parts with Librarian for each concert cycle
- Collaborates with coaches, sharing material that should be covered in sectionals
- Communicates at least one each month with students, letting them know the specific artistic and technical goals/objectives for the month and what they need to do in order to meet those goals; e.g., sets specific benchmarks: metronome markings, articulation, dynamics
- Assures the audition material is current and accurate
- Maintains high standards of student behavior
- Assists ED in recruiting
- Judges Concerto Competition
- Judges annual auditions
- Maintains professional connections with SCMEA and other music education associations, schools and programs
- Is a public advocate for GCYO and maintains cordial relationships with donors and board members
- Occasionally assists ED in philanthropic endeavours
- Prepares stage plots for concerts, working collaboratively with stage managers on select matters of production
- Follows the safety and student well-being policies set out by GCS
- Works with the Education Director of the Greenville Symphony (GSO) for the annual "Shoulder-to- Shoulder" Concert with GSO principal players

COMPENSATION:

The Conductor's rate of compensation is experience-based, and follows the GCS Arts Supplement Salary Guide.

HOW TO APPLY:

Via email to Executive Director, David Kiser (david.kiser@gcyo.net). Submit resume with a cover letter outlining youth orchestra directing experience. Applications will be received on a rolling basis until the position is filled.