

PYP YSE Conductor & String Specialist

The Portland Youth Philharmonic String Specialist should be a musician of the highest caliber with practical experience teaching young string players aged 7-12 years old. The qualified applicant will serve as the conductor/teacher of the Young String Ensemble, the staff string specialist, and chamber music coach for one string ensemble. Regular weekly Young String Ensemble rehearsals occur Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 7:30 PM; Chamber Music rehearses Saturday evenings from 2 PM – 4 PM at Glencoe Elementary School located at 51st and SE Belmont. Contract term: September – May.

To apply please submit letter of interest, resume, references, and brief video or DVD of current teaching/conducting if available to PYP- String Specialist, 421 SW 6th Avenue, Suite 1350, Portland, OR 97204. OR letters and resume via e-mail to diane@portlandyouthphil.org

Duties

Conduct Young String Ensemble – the Young String Ensemble is a string orchestra of 40-50 musicians aged 7-12 years old. Acceptance into the Young String ensemble is based on competitive audition.

Rehearsal Schedule

36 weeks starting September 10
5:30 – 6:40 PM, Wednesday evening

Concert Responsibilities

Lobby Concerts at PYP Concerts (20 minutes of music prior to the main concert)

November 8, 2008
March 7, 2009
May 2, 2009

Preview Concert – November 16
Concert-at-Christmas – December 26
Postlude Concert – May 31

Outreach responsibilities

School visit with YSE one day in February or March to support string music in the schools.

Other Duties

Serve as the staff string specialist in collaboration with the Music Director to insure good bowings and pedagogical integrity in PYP and PYCO.

Attend weekly staff meetings as part of the PYP team.

Coach 1 chamber music string ensemble during
Chamber music is a 10 week term, coaching occurs 5 of the 10 week session. Concerts will be held January 11 and April 19.

Participate in new auditions June 2-5 and August 18-21

Participate in our annual gathering of all musicians at the Summer Social, September 7