

# Job Opening: MPYO Wind Ensemble Director

Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra seeks an energetic and talented educator/conductor to lead its Wind Ensemble. Candidates must be passionate about engaging students ranging in age from 7th-10th grade in the joy of learning repertoire from a variety of genres and composers. All eligible candidates will be considered.

The MPYO Wind Ensemble Director works closely with the MPYO Artistic Director to develop programs that will challenge our students to grow musically and allow them to achieve their goals

## Responsibilities:

- Conduct weekly Tuesday evening rehearsals (6:00-7:15pm) (occasionally Monday evening dress rehearsals) from September through the early June at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, downtown Plymouth, MI.
- Conduct the ensemble in the three concerts in early December, early May and a pops concert early June
- Actively engage in student recruiting for all ensembles but particularly focused on expanding the size and artistic level of the MPYO Wind Ensemble.
- Assist with auditions in August
- Assist MPYO Artistic Director in placing Wind Ensemble students in the MPYO Youth Symphony
- Be available to coach woodwinds, brass and percussion in sectionals, twice each semester
- Attend staff meetings
- Communicate with parents
- Communicate with the MPYO Artistic Director
- Communicate with the MPYO Manager

## Qualifications:

- Teaching and conducting experience and knowledge of wind ensemble and band repertoire
- A history of programming for this age group and excellence in youth musical development

- A bachelor’s degree in Music or Music Education is required.
- Prefer proficiency and some professional performing experience on a woodwind or brass instrument.
- Ability to establish the highest standards of music performance, while being supportive, understanding, and approachable
- A demonstrated appreciation for and understanding of the needs of high-performing students
- Demonstrated track record of establishing and maintaining an open, inclusive, and safe rehearsal environment for students

Hiring Process:

- Cover Letter addressing interest, experience with, and desire to work with youth orchestras
- Curriculum Vitae
- A minimum of three professional references with contact information
- Submitting recent conducting online video links are recommended but not required.
- Interviews will be scheduled in early August 2024.
- Salary range for position, \$3000 plus \$75 dollars per coaching session payable over 10 months as an independent contractor.

Please send all materials to:

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**Deadline for application: 7/30/24**