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Position Announcement: Music Director

The Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra welcomes nominations and applications for the position of Music Director beginning in the 2020-21 season. The 2019-20 season shall serve as the 'search year' when candidates come to Evansville, Indiana, to conduct and engage with Philharmonic constituents.

THE POSITION

The music director reports directly to the board and is responsible for the fulfillment of the orchestra's artistic potential and its image in the community. As artistic leader, s/he must build and sustain the orchestra's visibility and involvement in the community and is expected to participate actively in the orchestra's fundraising efforts. S/he is responsible for the repertoire, programming and artistic production, and has ultimate authority for the selection, development, and replacement of musicians. The music director is expected to work closely with the executive director, board president, executive committee of the board, and staff in carrying out their responsibilities.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

The ideal candidate will: possess exceptional musicianship and conducting skills, and have knowledge of and experience in conducting a variety of styles/genres for both classics and pops concerts; be a passionate, dynamic and imaginative advocate for live orchestral music; have significant conducting experience, including work with professional musicians, and the ability to maintain and enhance the artistic quality of the orchestra; embrace the development of creative programming that engages audiences; possess strong communication skills, visually and verbally from the podium, and in engaging with the board, staff, volunteers, and community to promote the mission of the Philharmonic; have the ability to support and promote the EPO's successful educational programs and engage with other arts and educational institutions in the community; embrace his/her role as a highly visible representative of the orchestra in the community and as part of a team engaged in cultivation of external constituencies and relationships. Previous or current music directorship or comparable experience is preferred.

THE ORCHESTRA

The Evansville Philharmonic serves the Indiana-Illinois-Kentucky Tri-State area, a commercial, cultural, and media hub to over 900,000 residents. Over its 82 year history, the Evansville Philharmonic

Orchestra has grown to become one of the finest regional orchestras of its kind in the country. Today the EPO reaches concert audiences of more than 15,000 people each year, and an additional 20,000 children, adults and seniors participate through education and community events. Re-broadcasts of the six Classics Concerts on WNIN reach an estimated audience of 47,000 listeners.

The Orchestra's season typically includes a 6-concert Classics series, 4-concert Saturday Pops Series, 4-concert Sunday Pops Series, and two Messiah performances. Additional performances take place at venues throughout the region, including Lincoln Amphitheater and the New Harmony Granary. Recent seasons have included annual fully staged productions of the Nutcracker, and a fully staged opera every other year. Outreach and educational concerts include the Helen M. McKinney Young People's Concerts and Lollipops Concerts. The Evansville Philharmonic Organization also includes a 100 member volunteer chorus, two youth orchestras, and a Young Artist's Competition.

The Evansville Philharmonic has hosted some of America's most distinguished artists, including Joshua Bell and Bela Fleck. Thanks to a National Endowment for the Arts "Art Works" grant, the EPO recently commissioned composer David Ott to write an education piece, entitled "Music to My Ears," to be performed at educational concerts. Successful partnerships have included productions of Britten's "War Requiem" and Bernstein's "Mass", involving both performances and events/lectures throughout the community. In partnership with the University of Evansville, the EPO employs a full time string quartet-in-residence, the Eykamp String Quartet, and four principal wind/percussion orchestra musicians.

The Evansville Philharmonic is governed by a 32-member board of directors and is supported by a professional administrative staff. The Evansville Philharmonic Guild comprises more than 187 volunteer members who support the orchestra through fundraising projects and special events. The current operating budget is \$1.5 million and the orchestra has an endowment of \$2.5 million. Former music directors include Alfred Savia (current music director), Stewart Kershaw, Minas Christian, George Dasch, and Gaylord Browne.

Evansville is home to several institutions of higher learning, including the University of Evansville, University of Southern Indiana, and Ivy Tech Community College, and is located on the scenic Ohio River. The city boasts a downtown renewal, including a new medical school campus opening in the fall of 2018, an active riverfront, a land based casino, and the Haynie's Corner Arts District. Additionally, five museums, five community theatre organizations, several ballet companies, and two major medical centers are an active part of the community.

COMPENSATION

Compensation, including benefits, is competitive and commensurate with experience and qualifications.

APPLICATIONS

Applications must include a personal letter of interest from the candidate and a short resume. URL links may be submitted with application materials. *No phone inquiries, please.* The Evansville Philharmonic is an equal opportunity employer.

In the initial round, the committee will review applications and determine a group from whom it will request additional materials, including: names and contact information of 3-5 professional references;

links to Audio/Video Recordings; complete repertoire list including orchestral, opera, ballet, and chamber repertoire; sample programs from the past 24 months of orchestra or other concerts in which the candidate served as principal conductor.

To be considered, please submit your electronic materials no later than June 1, 2018 to

conductorsearch@evansvillephilharmonic.org

Please submit documents in PDF or MS Word form ONLY.

To learn more about the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra, go to

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