

Description: Music Director
Position Title: Music Director
Reports To: Board of Directors



About the Position

The Penfield Symphony Orchestra (NY) seeks a talented and dynamic Music Director, living in the Rochester vicinity, to lead the ensemble in accordance with its existing ethos and heritage, to be an advocate and ambassador of the orchestra's mission, and to build and foster community relationships. In the search process, it anticipated that applicants will be invited to conduct one concert of our 2023-24 season (Oct/Dec/Feb/May) together with the associated rehearsals (Monday evenings). The position is a one-season appointment, with the potential for renewal.

Duties & Responsibilities

- Podium responsibilities to include:
 - Music Director of Penfield Symphony Orchestra
 - Annual 4-concert series (October, December, February, and May)
 - Selection of repertoire in consultation with the PSO Music Advisory Committee
 - Possible appearances at fundraising and community events (publicity)
- Design exciting concert programs that are appropriate for the audiences in which they serve.
- Responsible for contacting any soloists required for concerts, arranging their attendance at rehearsals.
- Responsible for decisions related to the musical operations and quality of the orchestra.
- Coordinate with PSO Personnel Manager with regard to orchestra personnel decisions.
- Be a powerful advocate and ambassador for the PSO in interactions with board members, donors, sponsors, and other constituencies in private and public settings.
- Provide biographical and photographic material as needed.
- Build, foster, and nurture community relationships and partnerships.
- Able to interact comfortably with audiences during performances.

ABOUT THE CANDIDATE

- Candidates must have meaningful orchestral conducting experience in a professional, academic, or community setting and broad knowledge of orchestral repertoire.
- Training from a recognized conducting program preferred.
- Experience in a variety of conducting settings including classical, pops, and community concerts.
- Demonstrated success in programming a variety of repertory and musical styles, with a sensitivity to budgetary considerations.
- Public speaking experience.
- Good rapport and interaction with orchestra musicians

TIMELINE

- Review of applications will be overseen by an audition committee comprised of PSO musicians and Board members. The committee will recommend finalists to attend in-person auditions, who will be notified no later than **Friday, August 10th, 2023**.
- If necessary, the PSO will provide an honorarium of up to \$200 to selected conductors to assist with travel & housing costs.

ENGAGEMENT

- Position will begin on a full-time basis at the start of the 2024-25 Season or earlier if mutually acceptable
- Salary range TBD

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Deadline: **Monday, June 19th 2023** (*close of business*)

Please submit the following in an email to conductorapp@penfieldsymphony.org with subject line PSO MUSIC DIRECTOR POSITION:

- One-page letter of interest (pdf).
- Resume (pdf).
- No more than two letters of recommendation (pdf).
- Video links to no more than 30-minutes of conducting footage.
 - Preference is for recent concert or rehearsal footage, from orchestra point of view, in a variety of conducting styles demonstrating different styles, tempi, historical periods, and repertoire.
 - YouTube or Vimeo links only please. If protected, please provide a password.

Questions? Please contact Terry Smith, PSO Personnel Manager at conductorapp@penfieldsymphony.org.

ABOUT PENFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (www.penfieldsymphony.org)

PSO is a 501c3 non-profit community arts organization which started in 1955 as the Penfield Community Orchestra. In 1982 the orchestra reorganized as an independent, non-profit organization. At least 30 conductors have led the PSO, some for a single concert or for one season, some others for up to 5 or 6 years. Dr. David Harman has had the longest tenure as Music Director, having joined us in 2000. Under his leadership the orchestra has grown in recent years to over 90 members. Admission to the orchestra has, in recent years, been strictly by audition. Performances are held in the Penfield High School Auditorium, which seats just over 1000. Our average concert attendance is 500-600, but 800+ patrons attended our Holiday Concert in 2019.

The ethos of the PSO as the premier community orchestra of the Rochester area is to perform high quality music from the recognized repertoire that blends the preferences of our patrons with the challenges that our musicians appreciate. The PSO performs and promotes live symphonic music - classical, modern, and pops - for Penfield and the Greater Rochester community, and provides an opportunity for skilled, dedicated musicians to perform in a community orchestra of the highest quality. Apart from the Music Director, the Concertmaster is the only musician who receives a monetary stipend in this all-volunteer orchestra. Over its history, the PSO has commissioned many new works, with concerts that have featured guest artists of local and national renown, including Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra musicians. PSO concerts have been enriched by talented soloists and groups, winners of the Jo Amish Young Artist Competition, and school and community choirs. Suzuki string players from the Penfield schools have performed on some holiday concerts.

The PSO is governed by a Board of Directors, with business functions undertaken by a paid Operations Manager. The PSO Board of Directors and musicians alike are dedicated volunteers who are passionate about promoting arts and music and who, quite simply, like to make and perform great music together.

In short, the PSO is an extremely valuable asset to the Penfield and surrounding community and has been compared favorably with other musical options in our area, and the Music Director is a critical component in our ongoing success.

RECENT REPERTOIRE

As an indication of the caliber of works performed by PSO, this list shows music performed in the last few seasons.

Season	Date	Composer	Arranger	Composition
2022-2023	12/5/22	Beethoven		Symphony No.8 in G
2022-2023	12/5/22	Gerschwin	Bennett	Selections from Porgy & Bess
2022-2023	12/5/22	Trad	Osika	Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming
2022-2023	12/5/22	Bernard	Custer	Winter Wonderland
2022-2023	12/5/22	Holcombe		Festive Sounds of Hanukah
2022-2023	12/5/22	Wendel		Classical Christmas Suite
2022-2023	12/5/22	Tormé	Lowden	Christmas Song
2022-2023	12/5/22	Trad	Custer	Christmas That Special Time of Year
2022-2023	12/5/22	Trad	Tyzik	Holiday Sing-a-long
2022-2023	10/24/22	Smith		The Star-Spangled Banner
2022-2023	10/24/22	Copland		Fanfare for the Common Man
2022-2023	10/24/22	Copland		Variations on a Shaker Melody
2022-2023	10/24/22	Trad	Custer	The American Frontier
2022-2023	10/24/22	Williams	Lavender	Tribute to John Williams
2022-2023	10/24/22	Copland		Lincoln Portrait
2022-2023	10/24/22	Dvořák		Symphony No. 8 in G Major, Op. 88
2021-2022	5/2/22	Trad	Albanese	Ukrainian National Anthem
2021-2022	5/2/22	Dukas		Fanfare for <i>La Péri</i>
2021-2022	5/2/22	Beethoven		Romance No. 2 in F, Op. 50
2021-2022	5/2/22	Loewe	Bennett	Selections from <i>My Fair Lady</i>
2021-2022	5/2/22	Rodgers	Bennett	The Sound of Music – Selection for Orch.
2021-2022	5/2/22	Elgar		Enigma Variations, Op. 36

2021-2022	12/13/21	Bizet		<i>Carmen</i> Suite No. 1
2021-2022	12/13/21	Wagner		Prelude to Act 1 of <i>Die Meistersinger</i>
2021-2022	12/13/21	Tchaikovsky		Symphony No. 4 in Fm, Op. 36
2021-2022	12/13/21	Osika		Carol of the (Brass) Bells
2021-2022	12/13/21	Silvestri	Ballard	Concert Ste from <i>The Polar Express</i>
2021-2022	12/13/21	Custer		Hannukah Festival Overture
2021-2022	12/13/21	Custer		It's Christmastime
2021-2022	12/13/21	Gruber/Davis	Custer	Stille Nacht
2021-2022	12/13/21	Anderson		Sleigh Ride
2021-2022	12/13/21	Anderson		A Christmas Festival
2021-2022	12/13/21	Tyzik		Holiday Sing-a-long
2019-2020	2/24/20	Reynolds, V.		Celebration Overture
2019-2020	2/24/20	Dana Seusse		Afternoon of A Black Faun
2019-2020	2/24/20	Dana Seusse		My Silent Love
2019-2020	2/24/20	Dana Seusse		Concerto for Piano in D
2019-2020	2/24/20	Rogers	Bennett	The Sound of Music
2019-2020	2/24/20	Rogers	Bennett	Oklahoma!
2019-2020	2/24/20	Rogers	Bennett	The King and I
2019-2020	2/24/20	Rogers	Bennett	Victory at Sea (Symphonic Scenario)
2019-2020	2/24/20	Rogers	Bennett	My Funny Valentine
2019-2020	2/24/20	Rogers	Bennett	South Pacific Symphonic Scenario
2019-2020	2/24/20	Rogers	Bennett	Climb Every Mountain (Sound of Music)
2019-2020	12/16/19	Adams, J.		Short Ride in a Fast Machine
2019-2020	12/16/19	Buxtehude	Chavez	Chaconne in E minor
2019-2020	12/16/19	Hanson		Symphony No. 2 in Db Op. 30 "Romantic"
2019-2020	12/16/19	Osika		'Twas the Night Before Christmas
2019-2020	12/16/19	Tyzik		The Twelve Gifts of Christmas
2019-2020	12/16/19	Vaughan Williams		Fantasia on Greensleeves
2019-2020	12/16/19	Trad.	Holcomb, Rothrock	Festive Sounds of Hanukah
2019-2020	12/16/19	Anderson, L.		A Christmas Festival
2019-2020	12/16/19	Trad.	Tyzik	Holiday Sing-a-long
2019-2020	12/16/19	Anderson, L.		Sleigh Ride
2019-2020	10/28/19	Chabrier		España
2019-2020	10/28/19	Moncayo		Huapango
2019-2020	10/28/19	Márquez		Conga del Fuego Nuevo
2019-2020	10/28/19	Rimsky-Korsakov		Capriccio Espagnol
2019-2020	10/28/19	Brahms		Symphony No. 2 in D Op.73
2018-2019	5/6/19	Bernstein		Overture to Candide
2018-2019	5/6/19	Still		Poeme
2018-2019	5/6/19	Hanson		Symphony No. 2 "Romantic"
2018-2019	5/6/19	Grofe		Grand Canyon Suite
2018-2019	5/6/19	Mendelssohn		Symphony No. 4 "Italian"
2018-2019	5/6/19	Mussorgsky	Ravel	Pictures at an Exhibition
2018-2019	12/3/18	Higdon		Blue Cathedral
2018-2019	12/3/18	Beethoven		Symphony #5
2018-2019	12/3/18	Osika		St. Nicholas' Ragtime Band

2018-2019	12/3/18	Silvestri	Brubaler	Polar Express, The: Concert Suite
2018-2019	12/3/18	Bernard	Custer	Winter Wonderland
2018-2019	12/3/18	Custer arr		Christmas - That Special Time of Year
2018-2019	12/3/18	Custer arr		Hanukkah Festival Overture
2018-2019	12/3/18	Lowen arr		Christmas Song (Chestnuts...)
2018-2019	12/3/18	Custer arr		It's Christmastime
2018-2019	12/3/18	Tyzik		Holiday Singalong
2018-2019	10/22/18	Brubaker, arr		What's Up at the Symphony?
2018-2019	10/22/18	Williams		Tribute to the Film Composer
2018-2019	10/22/18	Williams		Three Pieces for Schindler's List
2018-2019	10/22/18	Gardel	Williams	Tango (Por una Cabeza)
2018-2019	10/22/18	Williams	Custer	Jurassic Park
2018-2019	10/22/18	Williams	Lavander	Tribute to John Williams
2018-2019	10/22/18	Williams		Star Wars (Suite for Orchestra)