



**Job Posting - Assistant Conductor**  
**Edmonton Youth Orchestra Association**  
**One year, part-time, contract position with the possibility of extension.**

**ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION:**

The Edmonton Youth Orchestra (EYO) serves young musicians (ages 11 – 24) in Edmonton and the surrounding Capital Region, with the highest possible standard of orchestral training and experiences through rehearsals and concerts in Edmonton, and the surrounding area. EYO is in its 71<sup>st</sup> season with Michael Massey as Music Director and Conductor. Administrative staff consists of General Manager, Heather Dolman. For more information, please visit [www.eyso.com](http://www.eyso.com)

The Edmonton Youth Orchestra consists of about 150 players, selected by audition, performing with the Intermediate Orchestra or the Senior Orchestra. The Assistant Conductor will work collaboratively with both the Intermediate and Senior Orchestras.

Typically, the Edmonton Youth Orchestra performs three joint concerts a year, in November, March and May, though additional performances can often be programmed for both orchestras. Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings at the Fine Arts Building on the University of Alberta campus. Main concerts are at the Francis Winspear Centre for Music.

**ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR - DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Work in conjunction with the Music Director.
- Understudy all repertoire performed by the orchestras. This includes personal preparation of all scores and providing written and verbal feedback on artistic matters relating to repertoire. (balance, intonation, dynamics, ensemble issues, etc.)
- Attend all rehearsals, concerts, and coaching sessions on a mutually agreed schedule.
- Assist the Music Director with orchestra rehearsals, sectionals, and percussion equipment coordination.
- Conduct sectional or full orchestra rehearsals as assigned and portions of concert programs.
- Attend and evaluate orchestra auditions.

- Assist with musician recruitment and instrument procurement as needed throughout the season, including but not limited to phoning and emailing teachers.
- Potential requirement for occasional attendance at Edmonton Youth Orchestra Association board meetings, and travel with the orchestras.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Bachelor’s degree in music or equivalent, must have previous conducting experience and broad knowledge of orchestral repertoire and concert programming; string teaching experience, or proficiency on a string instrument, is preferred; experience working with youth and a deep appreciation for, understanding of and sensitivity to the needs of young student musicians; outstanding interpersonal and critical thinking skills; excellent musicianship; knowledge of Sibelius music notation software product is an asset.

**CONTRACT REMUNERATION:**

\$9,000 - \$12,000 depending on experience and qualifications. Approximately 300 hours focused over a 32-week season.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and a list of 2-3 references to Heather Dolman, Edmonton Youth Orchestra General Manager at [eyo@shaw.ca](mailto:eyo@shaw.ca) with “EYO Assistant Conductor” in the subject line.

Please note that only select candidates will receive the opportunity to audition with the EYO Senior Youth Orchestra on Saturday, April 6, 2024.

**Application deadline:** Friday, March 15, 2024

**Interviews** will take place March 18 – 20, 2024

**Auditions** are planned for Saturday, April 6, 2024

**REPERTOIRE FOR ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR AUDITIONS:**

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| • Death and Transfiguration | Richard Strauss | Note: Prepare up to letter G.    |
| • Overture to Oberon        | Weber           |                                  |
| • Posthorn Serenade K.320   | Mozart          | Note: Prepare first Minuet only. |