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Applications Now Being Accepted for Youth Orchestra Music Director

DURANGO, COLORADO—The San Juan Symphony announces an opening for Music Director of the San Juan Symphony Youth Orchestra. The SJSYO is a full orchestra experience designed for advanced music students to perform substantial symphonic repertoire in a professional setting. The ideal Music Director candidate will combine teaching and conducting experience with strong communication skills, people skills, and a history of success recruiting young musicians. The SJSYO Music Director will serve as a staff member of the San Juan Symphony, a professional regional orchestra based in Durango and Farmington, New Mexico, and the position offers the potential to develop the youth orchestra program with the full support of the Symphony.

Weekly rehearsals take place Tuesday nights at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. The administrative work of the Music Director is supported by a Youth Symphony Manager. Currently there is one concert per semester, with the opportunity for runouts to neighboring communities and the hope of building a presence in Farmington, Bayfield, Cortez, and other locations in the Four Corners. The SJSYO Music Director will also guide the conductors of the younger ensembles (elementary Junior Orchestra; intermediate Philharmonic) and provide oversight for a comprehensive and rigorous youth orchestra program. As a starting point, the Music Director will be paid a \$3,000 stipend each semester, with the potential to dramatically increase the level of pay through ongoing fundraising efforts led by the San Juan Symphony.

Applicants should include a one-page letter of intent stating their vision for the program, as well as a current resume and contact information for three professional references. Video materials and interviews will be requested from selected candidates at a later date. Complete applications should be emailed to sanjuansymphony@musician.org and must be received by April 30th, 2019. The official starting date for the position will be July 1st.