CONCORD CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

Position: Youth Strings Orchestra Conductor

POSITION: Are you passionate about sharing the joy of music with others? The Concord Conservatory of Music (CCM) seeks a talented and enthusiastic Orchestra Conductor to join our vibrant community music school in the Metro-west Boston area.

At CCM, we believe in nurturing the musical potential of students of all ages and abilities in a warm and inclusive environment. Since our founding in 2005, we've been dedicated to providing exceptional instruction through various programs, from private lessons to group classes and ensembles.

JOB SUMMARY: The Overture String Orchestra (OSO) program is a newer program at CCM, the next step for strings players after the West Side Strings group class program. CCM seeks a music educator and conductor to develop and lead the chamber orchestra. The OSO is a classical string chamber training orchestra for musicians from grades 4th—8th with a minimum of three years of playing experience. The OSO conductor will lead CCM students to achieve their full creative potential while focusing on teaching repertoire from the Classical and Romantic eras and pedagogically appropriate literature from the 20th and 21st centuries. Final repertoire is at the discretion of the conductor.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Conduct weekly rehearsals on Friday afternoons
- Prepare the group for seasonal concerts in December and May, along with community performances
- Organize and attend auditions 2-3 days per year
- Collaborate with the Strings Department Chair and Program Manager to establish ensemble policies, audition requirements, and scheduling.
- Plan and select concert programming that aligns with the pedagogical goals of the OSO and CCM.
- Collaborate with CCM string teaching artists to recruit students to participate in the ensembles; Build relationships with public and private school orchestra directors and area private studio teachers
- Explore possible outreach opportunities for OSO in the area
- Attend faculty and planning meetings several times a year

QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's degree in music required; Master of Music preferred in orchestral conducting, music education, or violin, viola, cello, or contrabass performance. 1-2 years of professional conducting experience preferred, specifically with youth in a public/private educational setting. Candidates must have a working knowledge of chamber string orchestra repertoire for young musicians and demonstrate effective rehearsal techniques.

START: September 2025

ORGANIZATION: Concord Conservatory of Music touches our community of students and families and performers and listeners with experiences that cultivate a love of music for a lifetime. What CCM does day in and day out changes lives. CCM is a vibrant non-profit community music school in the Metrowest Boston area, providing high-quality music education to over 500 students. Lessons and group classes are offered to ages 1-95+ at all levels. CCM's teaching philosophy emphasizes a holistic curriculum that teaches a set of Foundational Skills – we call it the Musician's Toolbox. CCM instructors are highly accomplished practitioners and, at the same time, experienced educators who are committed to teaching these skills while making every student feel successful. In support of this goal, students have multiple opportunities during the year to meet other musicians and to perform in formal and informal settings.

TO APPLY

Please email, with OSO Conductor in the subject line, your resume and cover letter stating your capabilities, experiences, and interests to kyoder@ConcordConservatory.org. Please, no phone calls.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 30, 2025