

Call for Auditions – Conducting Internship

Position: Apprentice Conductor (paid)

Term: Internship with the Market Hall Emerging Artist Apprenticeship program (8 weeks)

Location: Peterborough, Ontario CANADA

Salary: \$2,000

Start Date: January, 2012

Position Description

Apprentice Conductor Internship

A period of intensive participation refining conducting rehearsal technique as well as immersion in the administrative functions of an orchestra will culminate in an opportunity to be the assistant conductor for the Peterborough Symphony Orchestra and for the Kawartha Youth Orchestra for their concerts in February 2012, as well as for a performance in Market Hall's Youth Series program, also in February 2012. The successful candidate will receive an intensive period of mentoring and gain invaluable insight into the role of a conductor and music director within both a semi-professional community orchestra and a youth orchestra.

Responsibilities:

- Attending all rehearsals of the Kawartha Youth Orchestra and the Peterborough Symphony Orchestra, within the designated period
- Attending board/committee and subcommittee meetings of each organization, as required
- Act as Assistant conductor at the February 4, 2012 concert of the Peterborough Symphony Orchestra
- Act as Assistant conductor at two performance of the Kawartha Youth Orchestra: the regular season performance on February 26, 2012 and the Market Hall Youth Series presentation on February 27, 2012
- Being responsible for their own travel and accommodation needs*
- Undertaking a mandatory Police and Vulnerable Sector background check
- Submitting a final report and evaluation sheet to the Project coordinator.

Key skills/requirements

- Outstanding symphonic conducting and leadership skills
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Excellent musicianship
- Advanced musical training (minimum Bachelor of Music degree music performance or music education, or an equivalent combination of training and experience. Education will include formal training in conducting.)
- Interest in community/volunteer orchestras
- Enthusiasm for working with young as well as amateur musicians
- Must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant and eligible to work in Canada

About Music Director, Michael Newnham:

Michael Newnham has a rich background in symphonic, opera, ballet and pops conducting through Europe, Asia and Canada. A native of Hamilton, Mr. Newnham pursued his musical education at the Chopin Academy of Music in Warsaw, the Indiana University School of Music, and the University of Toronto. While still a student, he became a member of the Conducting Staff of the Warsaw Chamber Opera, leading performances to great critical acclaim.

Michael Newnham is currently the Music Director of Symphony New Brunswick, the Peterborough Symphony Orchestra, and the Northumberland Orchestra and Choir. Under his leadership, these orchestras have been experiencing a period of unprecedented artistic growth. A born communicator, Mr. Newnham's informal, informative and humorous 'Meet the Maestro' preconcert chats have opened the world of music to a wide audience in Peterborough.

His passion for music education and making music with young people is reflected in his work as Founding Music Director of the Kawartha Youth Orchestra, and as a faculty member of Music at Port Milford. He has also been Guest Professor of Conducting at the Taegu Hyosung University in South Korea.

Mr. Newnham has recently been honoured to have been Music Director for highly acclaimed performances of R. Murray Shafer's Patria: The Enchanted Forest and has conducted a special gala memorial concert for Pope John Paul II at Toronto's Roy Thomson Hall.

The recipient of numerous awards, including 'Best Operatic Conductor' from the East Slovakian State Opera and the Order of Merit from the Republic of Poland, Mr. Newnham was recently presented the Turzanski Foundation Award for his services in promoting Polish music and culture in Canada.

Rehearsals: Wednesdays 7:30-10pm and Sundays afternoons (time tbd) in Peterborough, ON

Website: www.markethall.org

The Market Hall Emerging Artist Apprenticeship program is a joint venture presented by Market Hall Performing Arts and partnered with the Kawartha Youth Orchestra and the Peterborough Symphony Orchestra. This program is funded by the RBC Foundation.

For more information, contact Program Manager, Karen August at karen@markethall.org

Deadline: Please send C.V., cover letter with two references and DVD showing two contrasting works **by September 2, 2012**. Candidates must be available in person for second round on October 2, 2012. *Only candidates qualifying for the second round will be contacted.*

Send Submissions To:

Emerging Artist Apprenticeship Program
c/o Market Hall Performing Arts
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Organization Descriptions

Market Hall Performing Arts works to develop, nurture and sustain the performing arts in Peterborough's historic Market Hall. Market Hall Performing Arts is a non-profit organization, which has operated the second floor of the Market Hall as a multi-functional venue since 1998, playing host to a wide range of performing arts activities and community events.

Founded in 2002, *The Kawartha Youth Orchestra* gives young musicians of the Kawartha Region the opportunity to learn symphonic music and perform in an orchestral ensemble. Under the direction of Music Director Michael Newnham and professional instrumental coaches, the KYO offers young musicians an advanced level of instruction and a quality orchestral experience in Peterborough while enjoying the camaraderie of other young people.

The *Peterborough Symphony Orchestra* has been a cultural cornerstone of Peterborough and region for over 40 years, and has developed a reputation as being one of the best community orchestras in Canada. Each season, the PSO presents a variety of programmes appealing to people of all ages and backgrounds, including its main series classical concerts, an annual holiday family concert, a yearly crossover concert featuring some of the best of recent pop/rock and roll, and educational concerts.

*for Candidates living outside of a 140km radius, accommodation assistance may be available