

Position Announcement Music Director

The Colorado Music Festival & Rocky Mountain Center for Musical Arts (CMF & RMCMA) seeks applications for the position of Music Director, a year-round part-time position beginning in September, 2014. Finalists will be asked to prepare and conduct orchestral programs during summer 2014.

Background

The Colorado Music Festival & Rocky Mountain Center for Musical Arts (CMF & RMCMA) is a unique nonprofit organization that provides a spectrum of music education opportunities and world-class performances to citizens throughout Boulder County and beyond. Now approaching its 37th season, the Colorado Music Festival brings world-class professional musicians from orchestras across the US and beyond for six very special weeks (late June to early August) of performances each summer in Boulder's unique and historic 1200 seat Chautauqua Auditorium. Currently led by Maestro Michael Christie, the CMF Orchestra performs 23 concerts (18 orchestral concerts, 2 children's concerts, and 3 chamber programs) for audiences of over 22,000 each summer. Programming includes beloved classical favorites, world music, chamber music, genre-bending ensembles and new works by contemporary composers. Inspired programming performed by exceptional musicians has earned CMF recognition from the League of American Orchestras, ASCAP, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Maestro Christie will step down as music director at the end of the 2014 festival season.

On the education side, the Rocky Mountain Center for Musical Arts (RMCMA), located in Lafayette, CO, was founded in 1995 as an independent organization and merged with CMF in 2009. CMF & RMCMA is a full member of the National Guild for Community Arts Education and provides high quality, creative music-making opportunities to more than 550 students of all ages each week. Our school provides instruction on all instruments and voice, regardless of age, ability, or financial circumstances. The RMCMA's Heartstrings Program, ensures access to music study by providing tuition assistance and a musical instrument bank to families in need. Another 7,000 people annually visit the school to attend guest artist concerts and student and faculty recitals.

Our mission:

To inspire and connect community members of all ages by providing access to the best of the world's music through education and performance.

Position Description:

The CMF & RMCMA Music Director is the principal architect of the annual summer festival performance program, and a primary representative of the organization and its core values locally, regionally, and nationally. The music director works closely with the organization's executive director and board to help ensure the festival's musical quality, programming diversity, and financial sustainability. Connecting with community members, donors, and concert goers both on and off the podium is vital to success in this position.

The responsibilities of the Music Director are many and varied, and include the following:

- Create the musical content of all summer festival programs (12 orchestral programs totaling 22 performances, plus 3 chamber programs) approximately 10 months in advance of each summer season, in consultation with the marketing team, executive management, and the Program Committee.
- Annually, select orchestra members invited to return for the following summer, and work with the Orchestra Personnel Manager to audition and select musicians for annual vacancies.
- Identify appropriate guest artists and guest conductors to perform with the CMF Orchestra, within the parameters of the annual approved budget, and coordinate with the executive director on artistic administration pertaining to these guests.
- Work closely with the CMF music librarian to verify music rental or purchase decisions in such a way as to ensure that music is circulated to string principals well in advance of the festival season.
- Provide timely and complete information to CMF & RMCMA staff in order that marketing, development, education, and administrative responsibilities related to the festival season can be appropriately planned and executed.
- During the six-week festival season, rehearse and conduct 5 of the six festival weeks, including 15 concerts (10 programs) at Chautauqua Auditorium, plus 3 run out repeat programs, plus any additional special sessions with concerto artists as needed.
- Actively participate in donor stewardship and cultivation throughout the year, including involvement in donor events and meetings, coordinating and collaborating with development staff and committee members, and helping to identify fundable projects within the framework of the festival.
- As the primary spokesperson for the summer festival program, the music director must be an articulate advocate for CMF & RMCMA, and interface effectively with media representatives both in person and remotely.
- Participate, electronically or in person, in the Board of Directors' monthly meetings, the annual strategic planning retreat, and the annual major fundraiser in Boulder.
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to the full spectrum of performance and education opportunities available with CMF & RMCMA, support the organization's mission, and help leverage the strengths of each within our organization.
- With staff, generate ideas for ancillary programming (seminars, talk backs, films, etc.) designed to add depth to the summer festival season.

Position Requirements

The successful candidate for the CMF & RMCMA Music Director position will demonstrate a passion for music, a commitment to continually expanding the audience for classical music in particular, and the skills and experience to be able to move the Colorado Music Festival forward in these important areas.

Specific skills and experience must include:

- A minimum of three years of professional conducting experience;
- Demonstrated capacity to develop creative and engaging orchestral and chamber music programs, including orchestra and concerto literature of all periods;
- Proven ability to connect with audiences and engage and excite concert goers, both novice and experienced;
- An understanding of the importance of music education to audience development, and creative ideas for connecting community members of all ages with the performance experience;
- An understanding of the structure and function of the nonprofit music organization, including the basic roles and responsibilities of board, staff, and artistic personnel, and experience working successfully with board members and administrative management.

Application Process

Applicants must provide the following information with their application. Note: Applicant names will remain confidential, and candidates will be notified before references are contacted.

- A current resume accompanied by a cover letter describing your vision for a summer music festival, plus a list of three (3) professional references;
- A minimum of six (6) and no more than ten (10) samples of programs conducted within the last 2 years, including concerto artists;
- Samples of reviews and media coverage of programs conducted within the last 2 years;
- If available, a DVD of one (1) live performance, and, if possible, at least one (1) rehearsal (see submission directions below);
- Proposed programming for five (5) orchestra or chamber orchestra concerts reflecting the applicant's vision of a summer music festival.

Additional information about the Colorado Music Festival & Rocky Mountain Center for Musical Arts can be found at www.COMusic.org. Note that finalists for the Music Director position will be asked to guest conduct at least one program, and likely two, during July, 2014, as part of the 2014 Festival Season.

Application screening will begin on **March 1, 2013**; finalists will be announced in September, 2013. Please submit application materials as described above via email to MDapps@comusic.org. All applications will be acknowledged.

To submit a physical DVD, please send to:

Music Director Search
CMF & RMCMA
200 E. Baseline Rd.
Lafayette, CO 80026

To submit a video electronically, please follow these steps to ensure your privacy:

- A. Sign in to your **YouTube** account
- B. Click Upload, and select your video
- C. Click Edit
- D. Under the Basic Info tab, see privacy options in the upper right; Click the arrow to expand privacy options
- E. Set your privacy options video to Private
- F. Enter this email address:
CMFRMCMA@gmail.com and send

For any questions, please call Arthur Lieb, Chair of the Search Committee at 303.447.0120 or email him at ajlieb@comcast.net