

STRING PRINCIPALS:

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ABOUT DARWIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Darwin Symphony Orchestra (DSO), a not-for-profit organisation celebrating its 29th year in 2018, is a treasured community icon throughout Darwin and the Northern Territory. Comprising 65 volunteer musicians and a small professional core, DSO is an orchestra of and for the community.

The ensemble's identity as an accessible and essential community resource has resulted in concerts being held in some of the most remote places imaginable, with a diversity in programming that crosses all cultural boundaries. From floating on pontoons on the Katherine River to performing on a working barge on Darwin Harbour and becoming the first symphony orchestra to perform at Uluru, DSO reaches audiences throughout every corner of the territory in which it resides.

Launched in 2012, DSO's Music Education in Schools program, presented by the DSO String Quartet, has reached thousands of Territory-based school students since its inception. In Darwin, DSO also runs the Kids' Classics program focusing on family based music education in an inclusive environment.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Role Title: String Principals: 1st Violin, 2nd Violin, Viola or Cello

Job Status: Casual (contracted)

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

DUTY STATEMENT

- Provide support, guidance and leadership to your section through high level musical accomplishment, experience and reliability.
- Assist the Artistic Director/Chief Conductor (AD/CC), Concertmaster and Education/Outreach Officer (CM), and the Orchestra and Operations Manager (OOM) in the efficient and productive running of rehearsals. Duties include coordinating player availability, seating the section, logging player attendance for the section, leading / instructing the section in bowing and other musical matters and informing the AD/CC, CM, and OOM of any issues prior to rehearsal commencing.
- Ensure that section members arrive punctually at rehearsals and concerts and notify of player absences and replacements to the OOM. As section leader you are required to be in attendance 15 minutes prior to a call time.
- Work in consultation with the OOM and CM in actively sourcing new players and in establishing a seating list prior to the start of a new rehearsal period.

- Support section members by ensuring all performance markings and bowings are correct in the instrumental parts prior to the commencement of the first rehearsal, and that music folders are ready for rehearsals and concerts and ensure that all music on folders be kept up to date with markings and music.
- Organise and lead your section in both musical and practical matters with enthusiasm and positive support for the Darwin Symphony Orchestra.
- Be available for bowing and development sessions (generally 1 extra call per performance).
- Be proactive in the unification, development, growth, sound and overall performance of the section.

KEY RELATIONSHIPS

- Works closely with Concertmaster and Education/Outreach Officer
- Supports volunteer orchestra members

SELECTION CRITERIA

Essential

- Outstanding musical ability in an orchestral setting;
- Highly developed leadership skills, encompassing interpersonal, communication, advocacy and negotiation skills;
- Five or more years orchestral experience; and
- Strong track record of reliability, punctuality and accountability.

Preferred

- Tertiary qualifications in music;
- Educational experience as an instrumental tutor; and
- Experience in a professional symphony or chamber orchestra.

HOW TO APPLY

- Send an application to dso@cdu.edu.au which includes the following:
 - A short cover letter (no more than 2 pages) detailing your response to the selection criteria
 - Your CV, including two references

Applications close **5pm Sunday 28 October**.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

All applications will be auditioned and interviewed by a panel.

Auditions will be held on the 1 December 2018.

Audition requirements:

1 Solo piece (5-minute max) of own choice

3 Orchestral excerpts

Orchestral excerpts will be made available by Monday 1 November.

For enquiries regarding this position, please contact Joel Hoare, Orchestra and Operations Manager on 08 8946 6214 / Joel.Hoare@cdu.edu.au