



FELIX TORRES | MUSIC & ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Job Title: Conducting Fellow

Organization: Mesquite Symphony Orchestra Association, Inc.

Job Type: Fellowship

Location: Mesquite, Texas

Duration: 1-year contract with potential for renewal for 2nd year

The Mesquite Symphony Orchestra (MSO) is seeking a passionate and talented Conducting Fellow to join our team. The Conducting Fellow will have the unique opportunity to work closely with our Music & Artistic Director, staff, musicians, and community to develop their skills in orchestral leadership and conducting.

This fellowship goes beyond the podium by including our Conducting Fellows in the artistic and administrative operations of the MSO. Conducting Fellows will gain skills on the podium, music library, boardroom, marketing, artistic planning, concert production, and more.

Key Responsibilities

1. **Conducting and Rehearsals:** Prepare all concert repertoire to the same level as the Music & Artistic Director, to be ready to step in for rehearsals or performances if needed. Assist the Music & Artistic Director in leading rehearsals and performances. This may include conducting portions of rehearsals, running sectional rehearsals, and conducting in concert as assigned depending on experience and preparation. Podium time will include masterclass-type instruction by the Music & Artistic Director in front of the orchestra.
2. **Mentorship and Training:** Participate in professional development opportunities provided by the Music & Artistic Director. This may include one-on-one mentorship, observing rehearsals and performances, and studying conducting techniques.
3. **Programming and Artistic Administration:** As requested, Conducting Fellows may assist in the development of concert programs, participate in planning meetings, and collaborate in the execution and launch of current and future artistic initiatives.

4. **Administrative Support:** Participate in various administrative tasks associated with running an orchestra, including but not limited to score preparation, library assistance, program note creation and curation, and other logistical support as needed.

Qualifications

1. Advanced degree (or currently pursuing) in Music with a focus on Orchestral Conducting or equivalent experience.
2. Demonstrable experience in conducting an orchestra, such as leading a university ensemble, assistant conducting role, or high school full orchestra.
3. Excellent leadership and communication skills, with the ability to effectively work with a wide range of individuals, including professional musicians, staff, and community members.
4. Strong knowledge of orchestral repertoire, programming, and concert production.
5. Passion for community engagement and education in the arts.
6. Flexibility to work evenings and weekends, in line with the orchestra's rehearsal and performance schedule. Schedule will be provided upon request.

About MSO

The Mesquite Symphony Orchestra is a community of musicians and music lovers who believe in the power of music. We are committed to presenting high-quality concerts to the Mesquite community and beyond, showcasing a wide range of repertoire with a special emphasis on works by living composers and composers from historically excluded populations.

About the Music & Artistic Director

Felix Torres is an accomplished conductor, recognized for his dynamic performances, innovative programming, and deep commitment to education and community engagement. He has been the Music & Artistic Director of the Mesquite Symphony Orchestra since 2018, leading the orchestra to new heights and continually expanding its community impact.

Under Torres' leadership, the orchestra has greatly diversified its repertoire, highlighted the works of living composers, and made significant strides in presenting works by composers from historically excluded populations.

As a mentor to the Conducting Fellow, Torres offers insights gained from his experience in the field. His guidance extends beyond conducting techniques, encompassing a broad understanding of artistic planning, community engagement, and orchestra management.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit a brief cover letter, resume, and video footage of both (if possible) rehearsal (required) and performance (optional, but encouraged) conducting footage at [this link](#). The cover letter and resume should be submitted as **ONE** document via shareable link. Video footage may be submitted as multiple links if needed.

The application deadline is 11:59 PM, Monday, June 26, 2023.

MSO is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.