



Burbank Philharmonic Orchestra

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Dear Music Educator,

The Burbank Philharmonic is proud to be your local professional symphony orchestra. We have been offering *free* concerts to the community for over thirty years at various locations in the greater Burbank area. This year, as we launch our 32nd anniversary season, we are pleased to announce the next installment of our exciting program for young musicians – the **Discovery Conductor Project**.

This unique program will allow a select number of talented local high school students the opportunity to conduct the Burbank Philharmonic in rehearsal and performance, while gaining valuable experience in many aspects of the Music Director's job, including conducting, score study, rehearsal technique, and more. Participants will receive one-on-one instruction and coaching from the orchestra's Music Director, Michael Stanley, and Conductor Laureate, Steven Kerstein.

We are looking for talented and eager high school musicians with an interest in conducting who would like the chance to experience working with a group of professional musicians. Our goal is to provide an opportunity to deserving and dedicated music students who have the desire and drive to be a conductor, but just need the opportunity to get some experience with the coaching necessary to help them succeed.

Do you have any students that fit this description? Anyone chomping at the bit to be a conductor or musical leader? Anyone with the talent and drive to go above and beyond playing their instrument into the realm of conducting? If so, please make them, and all your students, aware of this exciting program and encourage them to apply. As their music teacher, you know their musical skills and abilities better than anyone. Please help guide those students that you know have the talent and interest in conducting to apply. It could be a life-changing experience!

A paper application packet is enclosed (sorry, no online application yet... we're working on it). Recommendations are required from music teachers and other adults who know the student's character and abilities. **There is no application fee.** Optional additional materials may include a resume, a repertoire list, and a sample video of the student's conducting if available. Students chosen for call backs will be contacted directly in January after a review of the applications.

If you or your students have any questions, please visit our website at www.burbankphilharmonic.org or contact me directly at mstanley@burbankphilharmonic.com. I look forward to seeing some of your talented students in the application process.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M Stanley".

Michael Stanley
Music Director and Conductor

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ELIGIBILITY: Students must be **18 years of age or younger** and **currently enrolled at a high school** in the greater Los Angeles area to be eligible to apply for the Academy.

SELECTION: Participants will be chosen through a competitive interview/audition process. There are a limited number of spots available and not everyone will qualify.

Please print all answers neatly in the spaces provided or type on a separate sheet of paper.

Name: _____ Age : _____
Last, First

Mailing address: _____
Street City State Zip

Email: _____ Phone: _____

School Currently Attending: _____ Grade: _____

Primary instrument: _____ Years played: _____

School music teacher: _____

School music teacher email: _____ Phone: _____

Do you study privately? _____ If so, number of years/months of private lessons _____

If applicable:
Private lesson instructor: _____

Private lesson instructor email: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/guardian #1 name: _____
(First and Last)

Parent/guardian #1 email: _____

Parent/guardian #1 phone: _____ Type: ___ cell ___ work ___ home

Parent/guardian #2 name: _____
(First and Last)

Parent/guardian #2 email: _____

Parent/guardian #2 phone: _____ Type: ___ cell ___ work ___ home

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Please print all answers neatly in the spaces provided or type on a separate sheet of paper.

Tell us a little about your musical background. What instrument(s) do you play? How long have you played each of them? Have you studied privately on any of them? If so, for how long?

Any plans to study music after high school? If so, what do you want to major in or focus on? How might your participation in the Discovery Conductor Project help you reach your goals?

Tell us about your previous conducting experience, if any. What group(s) have you conducted? What music did you do? Any conducting lessons or other study you may have done?

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Recommendations

We need to hear from adults in your life who know your skills and experience and can vouch for your suitability for the Discovery Conductor Project. One must be from your school music teacher, another from your private lesson instructor or other music coach (if applicable) and a third from another adult who knows you well and can speak to your character and drive to succeed. This could be a coach, teacher (other than music), clergy person, mentor, or close family friend. (Please no relatives.)

Below, please list your three references with contact info.

Reference No. 1 – School music teacher (as listed on front page of application)

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Reference No. 2 – Private lesson instructor/music coach (as listed on front page of application)

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Reference No. 3 – A coach, teacher, clergy person, mentor, or close family friend

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

What is the nature of your relationship with this person? (ie. coach) _____

How long have you known them? _____

Please ask each of the above people to write you a short recommendation letter, highlighting how they know you and why they would recommend you for the Discovery Conductor Project. You may want to provide them with a copy of the application so they can see what kind of information we are looking for. These letters may be returned with your application packet in a sealed envelope, or mailed directly to the Burbank Philharmonic by the application deadline of **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022** at:

BURBANK PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
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Optional additional materials – These are not required, but may be included if you have them

1. **Resume** - If you have a current resume, you may attach a copy with your application
2. **Repertoire list** - If you have conducted before, you may attach a repertoire list, naming the music you have conducted. For each work, list the title, composer/arranger, the name of the ensemble you conducted it with and the date(s) of your rehearsal(s) plus any performances.
3. **Conducting video** – If you are able, please send us a short (5-10 minutes max) video of yourself conducting a live ensemble of musicians. This could be from a rehearsal or performance, whatever you have. It can be your school band or orchestra, a youth orchestra you belong to or an outside group of your own making. This is just to give us a sense of your current abilities in front of a group of live musicians.

You may get the footage to us in one of two ways:

1. Send us a link to a YouTube video or similar online video source. Make sure the video is posted as public or unlisted; private videos will not be viewable by us. In the comments, be sure to list your name, the name of the ensemble, the title(s) of the music conducted and the date it was recorded.
2. Enclose a DVD with your application, clearly labeled with your name, the name of the ensemble, the title(s) of the music conducted, and the date recorded

Optional additional materials checklist – please mark below which materials you are including

1. ___ Resume
2. ___ Repertoire list
3. ___ Conducting video – online link ___ or DVD ___

Copy & paste link here (or print neatly): _____

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Mail all materials to: BURBANK PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, PO Box 6345, Burbank, CA 91510

Signatures – We, the below signed, endorse this student’s application for the Burbank Philharmonic’s Discovery Conductor Project.

Print school music teacher name School music teacher signature Date

Print private lesson instructor/coach name Private lesson instructor/coach signature Date

Applicant signature – I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements and that my application is true to the best of my knowledge and represents my own work.

Print applicant name Applicant signature Date