

Part-Time, Adjunct Symphony Orchestra Director/Conductor

Date of Hire: Fall 2022

Description:

The Houghton Symphony Orchestra is one of our three, large, outward-facing ensembles at the Greatbatch School of Music. The director/conductor plays a significant role in shaping the practical educational experience of the ensemble members—training them in period appropriate performance practices, and guiding them in the development of the musicianship skills required to be excellent ensemble performers. The director/conductor, along with the graduate assistants, is responsible for creating positive learning environment, coordinating pre-concert devotions, and helping students build deeper connections between their faith and their role as performers.

Critical Relationships:

The Houghton Symphony Orchestra Director reports directly to the Dean of the Greatbatch School of Music, maintains a collegial working role with the faculty, and serves in a supervisory relationship with assigned graduate assistants.

Essential Functions:

- Serve as the conductor and director of the Houghton Symphony Orchestra (HSO), with responsibility for programming, rehearsing, and presenting several concerts each year
- Lead two rehearsals weekly: two 105-minute rehearsals of the HSO on the Houghton Campus
- Administer the orchestra program
- Oversee assigned graduate assistants
- Assist in the recruitment of prospective students and on-campus musicians including participation at student recruitment events
- Do all grading, pedagogical, and administrative work relevant to leading the ensemble as a course at Houghton College.
- With the Wind Ensemble director, conduct placement auditions at the beginning of each year for all string, woodwind, brass and percussion players.
- Increase the profile of Houghton by participating in local, regional, and national orchestra events
- Participate fully in artistic planning sessions with music faculty so that orchestral activities support the broader curriculum and are integrated into the department's calendar of events.

Success Profile:

The ideal candidate will have strong skills in leadership, musicianship, and ensemble pedagogy. In addition, a successful track record of programming and conducting large ensemble concerts and a thorough knowledge of orchestral repertoire is needed, along with an understanding of some guiding principles about integrating aspects of faith into an ensemble learning environment.

Statement of Requirements:

- Master's Degree required – Doctorate preferred
- Orchestral conducting experience
- Exemplary musicianship and strong pedagogical skills
- Evidence of successful performances and leadership of a large ensemble

- Ability to work independently and coordinate work with others
- Ability to work well with both internal and external constituencies
- Problem-solving and decision-making ability
- Good verbal and written communication skills

Statement of Mission:

- College Mission Statement: Houghton College provides an academically challenging, Christ-centered education in the liberal arts and sciences to students from diverse traditions and economic backgrounds and equips them to lead and labor as scholar-servants in a changing world.
- Greatbatch School of Music Mission Statement: Within a Christ-centered, challenging, liberal arts education, the Greatbatch School of Music, Houghton College endeavors to produce graduates who, through commitment to musical excellence and to intelligent articulation of the integration of faith and music in their lives, can be effective musical practitioners and advocates in the Christian community and in the broader world.

To apply: Visit <https://www.houghton.edu/employment/faculty-openings/> and follow the PROCEDURE FOR APPLICANTS. For more information about Houghton College, visit www.houghton.edu . Applications will be reviewed as they are received. For priority consideration, please submit all materials by March 31, 2022.

For questions related specifically to this position, please contact David Clem, Dean of the Greatbatch School of Music, at david.clem@houghton.edu .

About Houghton

Founded in 1883, Houghton College is a Christian liberal arts college in the Wesleyan tradition with an overall student body of 1,100 representing 40 states and Canadian provinces and 25 foreign countries. US News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges" Guide has ranked Houghton among the Tier 1 National Liberal Arts institutions. Additional information on Houghton College can be found at: www.houghton.edu.