

Education & Community Engagement Manager

Organization:

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra

Deadline:

August 14, 2022

Organization Description:

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra is inviting applications for an extraordinary opportunity as VSO Education & Community Engagement Manager. This is a permanent full-time position. Founded in 1919, the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (VSO) is the third-largest symphony orchestra in Canada, and the largest performing arts organization in Western Canada. It has an annual operating budget of \$19 million and performs 150 – 160 concerts each year in 16 different locations throughout Metro Vancouver, with its primary home being the historic Orpheum Theatre. The VSO delivers 13 acclaimed education programs reaching more than 60,000 young people annually. The VSO also operates the world-class VSO School of Music, a state-of-the-art community music school in the heart of downtown Vancouver, welcoming students from infancy to their golden years at all levels of playing ability.

Website:

<http://www.vancouversymphony.ca>

Job Description:

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra believes that music is vital and essential to a well-rounded education and enriching life. With a mission to create, curate and connect irresistible musical experiences, the VSO is committed to elevating society and quality of life through music. As part of our commitment to bring the incredible world of symphonic music to people of all ages, we offer a variety of exciting and engaging programs designed for children, families, adults, elementary and secondary schools, emerging artists, and valued community partners. The Education & Community Engagement Manager is responsible for overseeing these programs, maintaining relationships with key contacts in the music education community, and working closely with VSO and VSO School of Music staff and musicians to provide exceptional, high quality music education programming.

Responsibilities:

- Serve as a leading ambassador for the VSO within the music education community and on the VSO's Symphony Education Advisory Committee.
- Lead programming and production for Elementary School Concerts including repertoire selection, scripts, study materials and teacher guides, marketing strategies, and day-of show logistics.

- Oversee the VSO Connects program in partnership with 6 local school districts, serving as the main VSO liaison.
- In partnership with the Artistic Planning Department, program and present VSO Kids Concerts, Symphonic Encounters Open Rehearsals, Jean Coulthard Readings, and various co-productions with community partners.
- Collaborate with the VSO Indigenous Council members to ensure Truth and Reconciliation is central to our work
- Commit to the VSO's focus on Equity, Inclusiveness, Diversity and Access
- Lead the curation and creation of virtual learning content.
- Collaborate closely with the VSO School of Music to further deepen and leverage the integration, synergy and connection of programs and resources.
- Collaborate with the VSO's Marketing department to share and promote information about Education programming with relevant audiences and community partners.
- Collaborate with the VSO's Development department to meet shared goals for donor relations, stewardship, and program development.
- Complete selected grant applications, and reports
- Ensure the timely and effective communication of all details related to education programs to appropriate VSO staff and community partners.
- Remain up to date and informed on local, national, and international movements and trends in music education and culture, and serve as a trusted resource for the VSO.
- Supervise and mentor education staff and internship students.
- Maintain and cultivate relationships with community partners.
- Contribute to the strategic direction of the department in a manner that is responsive to the wider community.
- Uphold a high standard of artistic and administrative excellence.

Qualifications:

- Minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Music, preferably Music Education. A Master's degree or comparable advanced training in music, music education, or arts administration is an asset;
- At least 5 years experience working in the music education field as well as knowledge of music education pedagogy, research, as well as local and non-local priorities and trends;
- Extensive knowledge of orchestral music and repertoire;
- Exceptional written and oral communication skills;
- Ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously in a fast-paced environment;
- Ability to work patiently and confidently under pressure and as part of a diverse team of staff, musicians, volunteers, and community partners;
- A valid BC driver's license.

The Education & Community Engagement Manager is a member of the VSO's Education Department and works closely with the VSO School of Music, potentially co-Managing some aspects of the programs. The role reports to the Director of Operations and Education. We are seeking a candidate who currently resides or plans to reside in the greater Vancouver area.

How to Apply:

Resumes and letters of interest should be emailed by August 14, 2022

to: employment@vancouversymphony.ca

Please indicate Education Manager in the subject line.

We thank all applicants for their interest in the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's Education & Community Engagement Manager position, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Remuneration:

\$45,000 - \$52,000

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