DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Full-Time (Tenure-Track)
Assistant Professor of Music
Director of Orchestral Studies
Starting Mid-August 2015

Refer to 103818 on all correspondence and inquiries regarding this position.

THE UNIVERSITY

Sonoma State University is one of the 23 campuses of the California State University. Located in the Sonoma County wine country, 48 miles north of San Francisco, the University has an enrollment of approximately 9,000 students. As of spring 2013, the University had 497 faculty with 47% tenure-track. The University is comprised of six schools: Arts and Humanities, Business and Economics, Education, Extended and International Education, Social Sciences, and Science and Technology. Degrees are offered in 45 majors at the bachelor's level and 16 at the master's level. Sonoma State University occupies 274 acres in the beautiful wine country of Sonoma County, in Northern California. Located at the foot of the Sonoma hills, the campus is just an hour’s drive north of San Francisco and 40 minutes away from the Pacific Ocean.

THE DEPARTMENT

Voted among the Most Wired, Top Green & Best Value schools in America (Princeton Review), Sonoma State University offers generous scholarships and performance opportunities in instrumental, choral, jazz, and music theatre.

Our graduates are high achievers who go on to successful careers as music educators and mentors, jazz and recording artists, and performers in all media from symphonies and pit orchestras to clubs and sound studios. Music students at Sonoma State enroll in one of the following degree programs: the Bachelor of Music degree in Jazz Studies, Music Education, or Vocal/Instrumental Performance; the Bachelor of Arts degree in Music, Liberal Studies concentration; or the Music Minor. The Department of Music’s motto is Aim High. Reach Wide. Educate All.

Accredited since 1972 by the National Association of Schools of Music, the Department of Music at Sonoma State is situated an hour north of San Francisco in the heart of California’s wine country. Crisp mornings fueled by Pacific Ocean breezes give way to dry and sunny days, providing an idyllic climate for work and play.

The Department of Music is housed in the Donald and Maureen Green Music Center, a state-of-the-art performing arts complex within a public university that includes the 1400-seat Joan and Sanford I. Weill Hall, the 250-seat Schroeder Recital Hall, an education wing, and meeting and conference facilities.

Since Lang Lang’s solo performance at Weill Hall’s Grand Opening in 2012, the breath-taking acoustics of this uniquely designed space have attracted such artists as Yo-Yo Ma, the Vienna
Philharmonic, Herbie Hancock, Itzhak Perlman, John Adams, Anne-Sophie Mutter, Wynton Marsalis and countless others.

The Hall serves the campus and community as both a major concert venue and the performance space for the Department of Music. Student ushers get the added perk of earning money while experiencing top-tier talent!

Prospective applicants are encouraged to see the department’s Web page at:
http://www.sonoma.edu/music/

**DUTIES OF THE POSITION**

We seek a person with vision and versatility to become the first Director of Orchestral Activities, a full-time tenure track position in the Department of Music at Sonoma State University.

**Vision.** We seek someone with the vision to build our current string orchestra to a thriving full symphony orchestra. Such a person will create and supervise all aspects of the department’s orchestral program. The successful candidate will take an active role in the recruitment of music majors; collaborate with faculty, maintain an excellent regional, national and even international reputation as a conductor and pedagogue and establish and maintain active working relationships with state and regional string teachers and high school orchestra directors.

**Versatility.** We seek a person not only with the vision to imagine and create a thriving orchestral program but the versatility to fulfill other teaching responsibilities with an enthusiasm and commitment to undergraduate education. The successful candidate will therefore have an interest in teaching the Freshman Learning Community for incoming music majors, General Education courses, String Methods for music education majors, and private instruction in his/her area of expertise (string preferred) and to fill out a course load in related area in the music core curriculum and/or general education to reach the standard teaching load of twelve weighted teaching units.

In addition to teaching and scholarship, faculty are expected to engage in academic advising, to assist the department with program assessment, administrative and/or committee work, and to serve on campus-wide committees. Sonoma State is committed to the Teacher/Scholar model and places an emphasis on faculty support of undergraduate research. Faculty are also encouraged to participate in Freshman and Sophomore year programs when available in their schools.

**PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

To be recommended for appointment, the candidate must have a doctorate in orchestral conducting, either PhD or DMA is required. The selected candidate will have substantial conducting and teaching experience at the university level, evidence of outstanding musicianship and conducting skills and proven ability to build a comprehensive program from the ground up.

We are most interested in candidates who have drive, passion and the philosophy that music is a vital necessity, and the ability to communicate such passion to the department in a creative and energizing approach. The successful candidate will be a superb teacher and performer, with the ability to work in a collegial spirit in a medium sized department where collaboration and cooperation are strongly valued and cherished.
To be recommended for tenure, the candidate must demonstrate satisfactory performance in four areas: teaching effectiveness; scholarship, research, creative achievement and professional development; service to the University; and public service and service to the community. Although tenure may be granted at any time, contract provisions specify that "the normal period of probation shall be a total of six (6) years of full-time probationary service and credited service, if any. Any deviation from the normal six (6) year probationary period shall be the decision of the President following his/her consideration of recommendations from the department or equivalent unit and appropriate administrator(s).” Tenure is required for promotion above the level of Associate Professor.

RANK AND SALARY

The salary range is approximately $60,000 to $62,000.

HOW TO APPLY

Do not send materials to facultysearch@sonoma.edu. To apply for this position, go to www.sonoma.edu/jobs and select Job Opportunities. If you are not currently employed at Sonoma State University, select the External Applicants box. You will be redirected to a list of all available jobs at Sonoma State University. Find and select the faculty position you are applying for to view the description and select Apply Now. If you have not applied for a job at Sonoma State University previously you will be asked to Register Now in order to proceed. After submitting the application letter and curriculum vitae, please proceed to My Career Tools to attach the additional required documents. Your statement of research interests may be a statement of scholarship and/or creative activity if appropriate to your discipline. Once you have submitted all materials, a confirmation email will be automatically sent to you. If you encounter difficulties during the application process, please email facultysearch@sonoma.edu.

Please submit:

**Required**
- Application letter
- Curriculum vitae

**Additional Required Documents**
- Statement of Research Interests
- Teaching Philosophy
- Student Evaluations
- Contact Information for 3 References

Please NO video tapes or links in the initial screening. Semi-finalists will be asked to provide a Video Tape or Video Link which shows rehearsal technique and performance.

Letters of Recommendation will be requested from finalists only.

Official transcripts are required at the time of hire.

Sonoma State University hires only individuals lawfully authorized to work in the United States. All offers of employment are contingent upon presentation of documents demonstrating the appointee’s identity and eligibility to work, in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act.
APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline to apply to this position is by **Monday, December 1st, 2014.**

Questions concerning this position may be directed to:

*** Dr. Brian S. Wilson, Search Committee Chair  
*** Email: brian.wilson@sonoma.edu  
*** Phone: (707) 664-2468

Questions concerning the application process may be directed to: facultysearch@sonoma.edu.

103818 PLEASE REFER TO THIS NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE AND INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS POSITION.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The university is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, disability, marital status, or protected veteran status.

MANDATED REPORTING REQUIREMENT

This position is considered a “mandated reporter” under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

CAMPUS SAFETY REPORTS

Jeanne Clery Act – Annual Security Report
Sonoma State University's Annual Security Report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus, in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by Sonoma State University and on the public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.

The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, alcohol/drug use, crime prevention, reporting of crimes, sexual assault and other matters. You can download a copy of this report by accessing the Police and Parking Services web site: Jeanne Clery Act - Annual Security Report, or receive a copy by contacting Police and Parking Services at (707) 664-2143.

Campus Housing Fire Safety Report
Sonoma State University’s Annual Campus Housing Fire Safety Report, in compliance with The Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act, contains information about fire statistics, fire safety systems, and safety practices and standards for campus housing. The Campus Housing Fire Safety Report is available at the
Housing Services website or you can contact Housing Services at (707) 664-2541 to receive printed information or additional information.

View Benefits Summary

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