

## **Expression of Interest - Board Members (Volunteer)**

### **About Us**

Darwin Symphony Orchestra (DSO) is a leading cultural organisation in the Northern Territory and its only symphony orchestra.

Based in Darwin, DSO is recognised as a centre for distinctive artistic work and aims to present and promote inspirational orchestral music to local, national and international audiences.

A vibrant and innovative orchestra, DSO has a dedicated group of more than one hundred volunteer musicians and a small core of paid professional musicians. Our location has seen the orchestra deliver artistic and educational programs that are responsive to the Northern Territory's unique culture and geography for over 30 years.

DSO has established a reputation for collaborating with a wide range of artists and arts organisations, broadening our reach and enriching our work. These collaborations centre NT First Nations artists and stories, music, dance, poetry, singing and visual media, giving audiences and participants a distinctive experience that celebrates our cultural context.

### **Volunteer Board Member Positions**

DSO is seeking Expressions of Interest for two Board Member vacancies.

#### *Responsibilities*

The Board is responsible for the organisation's governance, and its strategic and financial planning. The Board also ensures the organisation meets its legal compliance requirements.

Board Member responsibilities include:

- Preparing for and attending meetings, having read relevant Board papers
- Understanding (or learning) the governance and legal obligations of non-profit organisations
- Advocating for the organisation to key stakeholders and the public
- A willingness to support any fundraising strategies for the organisation
- Representing the organisation at key events where possible
- Disclosing any conflicts of interest, and maintaining confidentiality for the Board and organisation

## **Experience and Attributes**

Ideal candidates will have an understanding of non-profit governance, and an interest in supporting a performing arts organisation to reach its goals. We welcome applications from people with or without Board experience.

To complement our existing Board, we would consider favourably applications from individuals with legal expertise or fundraising experience.

We would particularly welcome applications from First Nations people, people from diverse cultural backgrounds, and people living in the Northern Territory outside the Greater Darwin area.

These roles may include the opportunity to contribute to either the Governance & HR Committee, or the Marketing & Development Committee.

If you do not meet the attributes listed above but are interested in a Board Member role, we still encourage you to apply.

## **Time Commitment**

The Board meets six times a year, with meetings of approximately 2 hours' duration. Board Members can attend in person or online.

The Board also has three Subcommittees which typically meet on a quarterly basis – Governance & HR Committee, Marketing & Development Committee and the Finance Committee.

## **How to apply**

Please send your curriculum vitae along with a one page cover letter which outlines your relevant skills and experience, and why you would like to join our Board. Applications should be addressed to Claire Kilgariff, Chairperson, and sent to [dso@cdu.edu.au](mailto:dso@cdu.edu.au). Any queries can also be directed to this address.

*Darwin Symphony Orchestra is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion. We strongly encourage applications from First Nations People, people of culturally diverse backgrounds, people from the LGBTIQ+ community, people with disabilities, and people from all sectors of the community.*