

## **POSITION DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION INFORMATION**

### **Education and Outreach Coordinator**

**0.3FTE (Three days per fortnight), fixed term until 31 December 2024**

#### **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 35 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.

**Our Education and Outreach Program** reaches hundreds of students and community members across the Northern Territory every year, with the following key focus areas:

- Young Artists Program: orchestral training through weekly rehearsals and masterclasses for participants aged 12 – 18
- Education Performance Program: This includes two original education shows, each with two public performances in venues such as theatres and libraries. Where possible these performances are given a further presentation in schools.
- Engagement with schools: including workshops, participative programs with performances centring student voices and creativity, and school excursions to see DSO rehearsals or performances
- Other outreach projects such as aged care performances, and performances in regional and remote communities

#### **About the Role**

The Education and Outreach Coordinator role drives engagement with students, families, and communities across the Northern Territory.

Recently restructured to be a standalone, part-time role, this position is ideal for someone with a focus on music education and a passion for engaging with people from diverse age groups, backgrounds, musical experience and interests. The role offers you the creative freedom to shape an education program that is engaging and responds to the needs of students, schools, and communities across the NT.

Play an important part in bringing orchestral music to schools and communities across the NT in this exciting and varied role, working with a small and collaborative team.

This role has the potential to continue beyond December 2024 – this is a trial period for the restructured role, and will be reassessed in late November to determine whether it continues at this time fraction, or is combined with other duties within the organisation at a greater time fraction.

## **KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES**

### **Education**

- Coordinate and deliver Darwin Symphony Orchestra's Young Artists Program, including running weekly rehearsals, program administration, communication with participants and families, sourcing and arranging music, recruitment, and program planning (performances and special events).
- Devise and deliver annual Education Performance Program in consultation with General Manager and Artistic Director/Chief Conductor, including two public performance programs.
- Engage with schools and students, including workshop presentation in schools, and coordinating student attendance and engagement in DSO activity (e.g. open rehearsals).

### **Community Engagement**

- Coordinate and deliver Community Engagement activity including workshops and performances in aged care, schools and communities outside Darwin.
- Work with Orchestra and Operations Manager to plan Community Engagement activity logistics, including NT touring initiatives outside of Darwin.

## **ABOUT YOU**

### **Required**

- Experience in a music education setting, including directing student ensembles.
- Previous experience developing music education performances and workshops.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, with the ability to communicate and engage positively with a diverse range of people.
- Ability to work effectively in a collaborative and communicative team environment.
- Proficient computer skills, including MS Office programs.
- Highly organised with a strong attention to detail.
- Valid Ochre Card (working with children check).

### **Preferred**

- Proficiency on an orchestral instrument
- Experience arranging music
- Understanding of NT curriculum and schools
- Driver's licence

**How to apply**

Please send your resume along with a cover letter outlining your relevant skills and experience, and why you would like to take on this role. Applications should be no longer than 3 pages.

Please address applications to Kate Stephens, General Manager at [kate.stephens@cdu.edu.au](mailto:kate.stephens@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 LGBTIQA+ community, people with disabilities, and people from all sectors of the community.*