



Director, Musical Theater Songwriting Program

The New York Youth Symphony is seeking a new Director for its Musical Theater Songwriting Program (MTS), launched in 2018. MTS is now in its 5th season in partnership with NYC Department of Education, Harlem School of the Arts, and the Molloy/CAP21 Theatre Arts Program. The goal of the program is to diversify the voices on Broadway in the long term.

MTS is designed to lead students through a range of musical theater songwriting processes. In interactive weekly sessions, students study musical theater conventions, develop key songwriting skills, explore the complex relationship between music and language, discover the power of writer and performer collaborations, and receive guidance and feedback in a safe and open environment. This season will feature renowned guest artists, including Masi Asare, John-Andrew Morrison, Brian Charles Rooney, Latoya Edwards, Sushma Saha, Adam Gwon, Amanda Green, James Lapine, among others. The program will culminate in May at Joe's Pub showcasing original student works performed by students from NYYS, HSA, CAP21, and a professional Broadway pit band.

Description: The NYYS seeks a director to oversee the artistic and educational objectives of the program. This person will work with the NYYS Executive Director to develop the curriculum, hire an assistant director, recruit students, invite guest artists and lecturers, teach students in the program, and interact with administration, trustees, parents, and others.

The role is part time with weekly or bi-weekly sessions between September and May. The ideal candidate will have extensive experience as a composer, lyricist, and educator, as well as formal training in songwriting from a tertiary institution or professional equivalent such as the BMI Workshop, etc.

To apply for the position, please send the following materials to Jeremiah Adriano, Director of Artistic Planning, via email to jadriano@nyys.org:

- Cover letter
- Combined artistic and teaching resume (including educational background)
- Press (such as reviews or interviews)
- 3-5 video and/or audio work samples through a link to YouTube, Vimeo, Dropbox, etc.
- List of references

About NYYS: The Grammy-winning New York Youth Symphony (NYYS) was founded in 1963 to showcase the metropolitan area's most gifted young orchestral musicians. The organization has grown significantly since then, adding programs in chamber music (1983), conducting (1993), composition (2000), jazz (2002), and musical theater songwriting (2018). In 1984, the NYYS established *First Music*,

which has commissioned more than 170 new works from America's best young orchestral, jazz, and chamber music composers since 1984, each of which has received its world premiere by an NYYS ensemble. NYYS alumni now total over 7,000, including many of the world's most notable musicians and conductors. Young alumni can be found at leading conservatories and music schools, and launching careers with major orchestras, Broadway tours, and chamber ensembles.

For more information about the NYYS, please visit www.nyys.org.