



NYYS Crescendo, Assistant Conductor

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Launched in the 2023/24 season, Crescendo is NYYS's newest ensemble. It was formed in response to the need to serve more students from the five boroughs of New York City. With its 100% fee-free program, Crescendo has created another path for younger, motivated students to join the NYYS program.

The Crescendo Orchestra focuses on the works of underrepresented composers, including women and people of color – opening the minds of these musicians making a more inclusive and thoughtful repertoire. There will be two concerts this season at Merkin Hall at The Kaufman Music Center and Symphony Space's Sharp Theater.

The Assistant Conductor of NYYS Crescendo will understudy all repertoire performed by the orchestra during the season and assist the Music Director as requested at all concerts, rehearsals, sectionals, and coaching sessions. The ideal candidate is an aspiring conductor either studying conducting in college or recently graduated, looking to grow through the experience of working with a string ensemble.

Position Duration

August 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Understudy all repertoire performed by the orchestra.
- Attend all rehearsals (generally Sundays from 2-5pm), concerts, and coaching sessions.
- Assist the Music Director with orchestra rehearsals, sectionals, and percussion equipment coordination.
- Cover all concerts at Merkin Hall (December 1, 2025) and Symphony Space's Sharp Theater (April 26, 2026), Assist Music Director with on- and off-stage rehearsals, balance checks, and all other concert needs.
- Attend and evaluate Crescendo auditions at the NYYS Office. Audition dates range from mid August – early September of 2025.
- Assist with leading sectionals.
- Assist with musician recruitment and instrument procurement as needed throughout the season, including but not limited to researching lists in the office, phoning and e-mailing teachers, leading audition workshops in the summer, and following leads from orchestra members.
- Oversee principal players as instructed by Music Director and ensure that they fulfill their duties including bowings and other part markings prior to rehearsal.
- Assume the role of Orchestra Manager in the case they are absent.

Candidate Profile:

NYYS seeks a highly pro-active, organized, and responsible individual with an interest in arts administration, music education, and/or event production for the 2025/26 season. Knowledge of and previous experience with orchestral music is required (playing or managing). Outstanding interpersonal and critical thinking skills, knowledge of Microsoft Office, and the ability to work from a personal laptop and smartphone are needed. An enthusiastic and problem-solving attitude as well as some performance experience is highly encouraged.

NYYS is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Candidates from diverse and historically underrepresented communities are encouraged to apply.

Compensation:

The Assistant Conductor offers an hourly rate of \$30/hour and approximately 200 hours per season.

How to apply:

Please e-mail a cover letter and CV/resume to Jeremiah Adriano, Director of Artistic Planning at jadriano@nyys.org with 'NYYS Crescendo Assistant Conductor' in the subject line. Please also include a link to a YouTube/Vimeo video no longer than 15 minutes showcasing at least 2 varying works preferably with both rehearsal and performance footage. Full orchestra footage is preferred, but any smaller ensemble is acceptable including pianist/string ensemble or pianist alone.

About NYYS: The New York Youth Symphony (NYYS) is a leader in music education, performance, and commissioning in the metropolitan area. It is nationally recognized for innovative programs in orchestral training, conducting, chamber music, composition, jazz, and musical theater composition, all of which are tuition-free for student musicians ages 10 to 22. The 260+ musicians enroll through merit-based auditions each fall and participate in its high-impact programs, including more than 20 performances.