

CRESTED BUTTE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Position Announcement: Artistic Director, Crested Butte Music Festival

POSITION SUMMARY

The Crested Butte Music Festival seeks an engaging and visionary artistic director to begin no later than August 2016. The candidate will work closely with the Executive Director and Board to implement and further develop the Festival's artistic vision and will play a key role in fundraising and strategic planning. Additional responsibilities include artist hiring and management, artistic programming, and oversight of the Festival's artistic quality. The position is year-round and part-time; much of the programming can be done remotely throughout the year, though full-time residency in Crested Butte, Colorado is required during the Festival, which typically takes place from late June to mid August. Salary is negotiable based on experience. Résumés and indications of interest are due by May 31, 2016.

ORGANIZATION

The mission of the Crested Butte Music Festival is to present an annual festival of diverse music performed by outstanding artists, to inspire a greater appreciation of these art forms, and to help develop the performers of tomorrow. Founded in 1997 with a vision to enrich the culture of rural Gunnison County, Colorado, the Festival has evolved into an annual seven-week summer season with performances in diverse genres including symphony, opera, chamber, gypsy jazz and indie and world music. The Festival's celebrated educational programs include a nationally renowned training program for emerging operatic artists, a children's chorus, and summer intensive workshops in bluegrass and gypsy jazz. Over 150 acclaimed artists come to the rural and remote Gunnison Valley every summer, including conductors, singers, instrumentalists and stage directors from New York's Metropolitan Opera (Met), The Juilliard School, Israeli Opera, as well as celebrated soloists, popular ensembles, and Grammy nominated and award-winning performers in jazz, bluegrass and folk. This summer, the Festival celebrates its 20th anniversary season in a new temporary venue, the Victoria Mirror Palace, a 5,000 square foot Spiegeltent. The Festival is scheduled to move into a new performing arts facility in 2019.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Crested Butte Music Festival (CBMF) Artistic Director serves as the artistic head of the company, ensuring artistic excellence and providing overall directional vision and artistic leadership. The Artistic Director will work closely with the Executive Director, Board, and staff to ensure artistic quality and execution of all festival

events and assist with the Festival's ongoing strategic planning. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Develop annual Festival programming in keeping with the Festival's mission and budget.
- Recruit and select Festival musicians and artists; work with musicians, artists and their managers to secure commitment to contractual arrangement with the Festival.
- Communicate effectively with musicians, artists and their representatives, as well as with CBMF staff, to ensure that performance standards for excellence are met.
- Perform other duties relative to the artistic execution of festival events and assist all other CBMF staff, as needed during the annual Festival season.
- Ensure overall quality of patron/audience experience.
- Take a leadership role in cultivating donors and new audiences, both locally and nationally, and provide artistic vision, as needed, for grant and program proposals.
- Be a significant onsite presence at Festival performances as part of the host/cultivation team; maintain an active presence in Crested Butte during the entire time of the summer festival season.
- Assist the Executive Director and Board in continuing to evolve and develop the Festival's artistic vision.

QUALIFICATION & SKILLS

The Artistic Director will be a strong leader with the ability to inspire others through their persuasive articulation of CBMF's mission and vision. They will have a deep appreciation for and connection to the aesthetic of CBMF, which is forward-looking, educational, and community-focused. They will be artistically curious and team-oriented, with an ability to manage time and priorities effectively. Additional qualifications include:

- Minimally, a bachelor's degree, preferably in an arts-related field of study.
- A minimum ten years' experience as a professional artist and/or artistic administrator in the performing arts industry; ideally, a combination of the two.
- Demonstrated success in establishing and implementing an artistic vision for a professional performing arts organization. Breadth and depth in a variety of musical genres, that can include opera, symphony, and contemporary

classical music as well as non-classical genres such as gypsy jazz and bluegrass is preferred.

- Familiarity with a network of professional performing artist colleagues across the United States and abroad.
- Demonstrated experience in artistic budget oversight and administration.
- Excellent public speaking and written communication skills.
- Ability to supervise and interact with artistic staff with a positive, teamwork approach.
- Willingness to work extended hours and perform expanded tasks during the Festival season.

COMPENSATION

CBMF offers a salary commensurate with experience and benefits are negotiable as part of the compensation package. The position is considered year-round and part-time.

APPLICATION & INQUIRIES

Please submit a letter, résumé, and one-page Artist Director's statement, sharing your artistic vision and why you feel you are a good match for the Crested Butte Music Festival, to humanresources@mycbmf.com or to the following address (electronic submissions are strongly preferred). Applications are due May 31, 2016.

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