



## LAKESHORE WIND ENSEMBLE ASSOCIATION

### Conductor/Music Director Search

The Lakeshore Wind Ensemble Association is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Conductor of the Lakeshore Wind Ensemble, in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

**History** - Michael J. Arendt, Professor of Music at the University of Wisconsin – Manitowoc, founded the Lakeshore Wind Ensemble in 1983, and its sister organization, the Lakeshore Big Band, in 1990. The LWE was originally formed as a community outreach program of the campus as well as a music course for UW-Manitowoc students.

**Current** - As a result of the recent consolidation of the two year and four-year campuses of the University of Wisconsin, the LWE and the LBB will become fully private in June 2020. The Lakeshore Wind Ensemble Association will become the governing body of both ensembles. The LWEA has an administrator who is available to assist the conductors in getting materials ready for the rehearsals and concerts and coordinating communications with the membership.

The LWE performs five concerts per year: October, December, January, March and May, at the Capitol Civic Centre in Manitowoc. Generally, there are between 6 and 8 rehearsals per concert, with the final two rehearsals held at the Capitol Civic Centre. The rehearsals for the LWE are on Tuesday evenings, from 6-8 p.m. The LWE also performs an outdoor summer concert in Two Rivers in July. The LWE and LBB perform jointly at the January “Pops” concert, and the assistant conductors for each band will conduct that concert for the 2020-2021 season. The assistant conductors will be active members of their respective ensembles. Paul Sucherman will continue to be the conductor of the LBB which presents two concerts, one in November and the other in April, also at the Capitol Civic Centre.

Tickets for both the LWE and LBB are sold at the Capitol Civic Centre Box Office, including season ticket packages and individual concert tickets.



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#### Selection Process

All candidates will submit a letter of interest and resume. The LWEA Executive Board will develop an interviewing committee which will narrow the list of candidates based on the resumes submitted and interview candidates. The final four candidates will each be assigned to be the conductor/music director of one of the four concerts in the 2020-2021 concert season: October, December, March or May. Conductors will be responsible for selecting their repertoire from the existing Lakeshore Wind Ensemble library of hundreds of scores. Each candidate will also be responsible for rehearsing the band at all scheduled rehearsals and at the scheduled concert. Each candidate will receive a stipend for conducting their concert.

#### Candidate Requirements:

- Have a proven track record conducting successful ensembles
- Have a thorough knowledge of quality concert band literature
- Be able to communicate that knowledge through effective rehearsal techniques
- Be able to program a concert which will appeal to all of the following: the personality and tastes of the conductor, the musical tastes and needs of their musicians, and to a multi-generational audience
- Be able to work with vocal/instrumental soloists and choral groups to enrich performances
- Be able to develop a positive and professional working relationship with the staff at the Capitol Civic Centre in reference to concert requirements (sound, lighting, and other technical needs) and CCC Box Office personnel for ticket sales
- Take an active community role in promoting the Lakeshore Wind Ensemble in the Lakeshore area and northeast Wisconsin

**Submit letter of interest and resume to: [LWEA.MJA83@gmail.com](mailto:LWEA.MJA83@gmail.com) by May 1, 2020.**

For questions, please contact David Scherer, LWEA Board President 920-684-0870.