



FESTIVAL OF MUSIC 2026

Expression of Interest **Orchestra Conductor**

Tenure: 1 year
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Expressions of Interest are invited for the position of **Orchestra Conductor** to prepare primary and middle school student orchestras for the **2026 Festival of Music**.

Rehearsals will be held **out of school hours**, commencing **mid-Term 1** and continuing until the conclusion of performances in **Week 9, Term 3**.

In 2026, there will be **one orchestra with two conductors**. The orchestra will rehearse in two groups at **separate venues** (one north and one south of the city) on **Thursday afternoons (4:20 pm – 6:00 pm)**. Conductors will rotate between venues and share responsibilities for conducting, supervision, and administration.

Conductor Expectations

- Conduct repertoire for the Festival (conducting duties shared between both conductors)
- Plan and deliver regular, engaging rehearsals at assigned venues each Thursday afternoon
- Support students in developing tuning, aural, ensemble, and performance skills
- Collaborate with the piano accompanist and choral conductors to ensure alignment between orchestra and choir
- Attend and assist in full-day workshops and sectional rehearsals
- Differentiate learning, adapt repertoire, and implement effective strategies for diverse learners
- Prepare and distribute termly learning plans to students, families, and the PSMF team
- Attend regular team meetings and at least one day of the Term 1 Conference
- Attend off-site rehearsals and all performances during the concert series (TRT release available where required)

Conductors must be **registered teachers in South Australia** and will work under the direction of the **Orchestra Manager**.

Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively within a team environment
- Knowledge of the musical and technical capabilities of primary and middle school students
- Understanding of current pedagogical practices with the ability to provide inclusive, differentiated instruction
- Demonstrated experience in conducting school-based ensembles

TRT days will be provided where required.

An **honarium payment** will be made upon completion of the Festival season.

Applications (maximum **one page**) and the **names of two referees** (including your line manager) are due by **Friday 14 November 2025**.

For further information or to submit your application, please contact:

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