

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OR ARTISTIC ASSOCIATE

The **Land's End Chamber Music Society** (LAND'S END) is seeking an Artistic Director (or Artistic Associate, commensurate with experience and qualifications) with expertise in new music to build upon its mission, articulate a long-term artistic vision that strengthens programs, nurtures an enduring impact in the community, and builds appreciation for the important work presented by the Land's End Chamber Ensemble (THE ENSEMBLE).

LAND'S END is a non-profit society in Calgary dedicated to the performance and advancement of modern music in various styles from living and recent composers in Canada and beyond. THE ENSEMBLE is a well-known performer of new music, in a classical tradition, and encourages the development of new artists in the genre through mentorship, composer competitions, commissioning of new works, and partnerships with other like-minded groups and artists.

Our mission includes:

- The promotion and development of emerging local and Canadian talents, in both performance and composition
- An ensemble dedicated to the performance of post-Romantic works (ranging from impressionist to contemporary pieces) of local, Canadian and international composers
- Bridging a recognizable gap, which has evolved between contemporary classical music and audiences

DESCRIPTION

The Artistic Director will research and create programs, and organize tours, for the year. The season typically commences in September and ends the following June.

THE ROLE

The Artistic Director works with THE ENSEMBLE, the Board of Directors, and the Administrative Director to develop the long-term artistic vision, submitting program proposals with budgets each year.

The Artistic Director is responsible for all aspects of ENSEMBLE performances, plus developing and programming a varied and dynamic repertoire. The Artistic Director will work with the support and assistance of the existing Administrative Director, and members of THE ENSEMBLE within the budgeting guidelines set by the LAND'S END Board of Directors.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **Artistic Program Development and Production**
 - a) Conceptualize and lead artistic programming for each season, including scheduling.
 - b) Conceptualize projects such as CD, DVD, and special initiatives with artistic partners.
 - c) Problem solve issues related to artistic activities (often with board participation).
2. **Management**
 - a) In collaboration with ENSEMBLE members, determine, contact, hire, and schedule musicians and artists for concerts, rehearsals and/or recordings within Board-approved budgetary guidelines.
 - b) Research, order, rent, distribute and return musicians' scores/parts in conjunction with administrative director.
 - c) Arrange recording sessions, and take the lead in editing, preparation for production, etc.
3. **Other**
 - a) Support Marketing and Communications.
 - b) Act as spokesperson for LAND'S END, especially with the media at concert time.
 - c) Support grant writing activities.
 - d) Collaborate with, and report to the board.

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JOB LOCATION, SALARY AND TIMING

- Position headquartered in Calgary, Alberta.
- Salary commensurate with experience, qualifications, and services rendered.
- This position commences when a suitable applicant is found

QUALIFICATIONS

The candidate should be knowledgeable and passionate in the field of new music with the ability to research suitable repertoire and program ideas for the ensemble, be willing to draw on the expertise and skills of the ENSEMBLE members in implementing the artistic vision, and demonstrate creativity and innovation in programming, performances, and recordings.

The Artistic Director should be at ease articulating the ensemble's mission to the public and the media, in addition to fostering a vibrant connection with the audience.

Experience with arts administration is desirable.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Interested candidates, meeting the above qualifications, should apply by submitting electronically the following materials to landsendmusic@gmail.com with Artistic Director Application in the subject line:

1. Cover Letter
2. Resume

Deadline January 16, 2012

For additional information, please visit our website at www.landsendensemble.ca