

Opportunities as a CSO Section Leader & SL Expectations

Section leaders play an important role in the CSO family. They help create an inviting, relaxed, productive, and most importantly enjoyable atmosphere for all of our players. As a section leader, you'll get to provide extra input on how CSO is run and will help your section kick butt in the next concert!

As a section leader you have the chance to:

- **Help your section have fun and learn at the same time:** Foster some new friendships and your musical skills, tap into your section's amazing talent, and share your passion for music with those who love it just as much as you.
- **During Rehearsal:** Be a role model. Help your section get through a tough entrance and show them any tricks you have up your sleeve. Lead the way to an amazing concert.
- **Lead Sectionals:** Here's your chance to make a good sounding section even better. You'll get to work individually with each player and with your section as a whole to troubleshoot that one measure that keeps bugging you and pass on some of your musical knowledge to them. We'll be there to help you out if you need any ideas.
- **Be a voice for your section:** You know your section best. Let us know about any ideas you have or any concerns that need to be addressed. If you want to have a sectional party, we'll make it happen. If you want conductors to focus on a certain passage, done.
- **Give your section some love:** It's up to you, the finer things in life. Decide bowings (for strings), articulations, phrasing, and the direction you want your section to go.

Expectations of SLs:

- Attend all or nearly all rehearsals
- Attend bi-weekly Conductor-SL-PD meetings and communicate between players and leadership.
- Perform an audition and brief interview with Performance Directors
 - The section leader audition will be the same as CSO Philharmonic auditions. Audition materials will consist of the following:
 - Two prepared excerpts
 - A randomly selected major scale
 - A chromatic scale (strings, winds, & brass)
 - A short sight-reading excerpt
 - Auditions will be held near the beginning of the fall semester
- Be section leader for an entire year term (fall-spring)
- Assign parts to your section members
- Around 2 hours a week is expected (includes bi-weekly meeting, rehearsal preparation, and sectional preparation)