



The Orchestre Métropolitain Orchestral Conducting Academy Call for Applications – 2nd edition

Application deadline: April 7, 2023

Program length: September 2023 to June 2025

Registration form: [Click here.](#)

Background

The Orchestre Métropolitain and its artistic director and chief principal conductor, Yannick Nézet-Séguin, are pleased to announce their second call for applications to take part in the **Orchestre Métropolitain Orchestral Conducting Academy**, a mentoring program for next-generation conductors. At the end of the selection process, three (3) applicants will be chosen to join the program, which lasts two years (September 2023 to June 2025). The Academy aims to give these young conductors a solid experience of the symphonic milieu and to further the development of their musical careers.

Desired profile

This call for applications is open to orchestral conductors with the following profile:

- Between 18 and 35 years old*;
- At the beginning of their career and considered a member of the next generation of artists;
- Canadian resident from September 2023 through June 2025;
- Enrolled in or having recently completed an orchestral conducting program at an institution of higher learning (or equivalent);
- Demonstrably committed to dedicating themselves to a professional career in orchestral conducting, especially of symphonic music;
- Available to take part in all program activities (see the Preliminary Calendar section).

The OM encourages conductors from culturally diverse backgrounds to apply.

*Applicants older than 35 whose profile meets the other criteria and who are at the beginning of their career can submit an application, provided they explain in a letter of interest why they are considered next-generation artists.

Description of the program

The three (3) selected applicants will join the Academy's first cohort of conductors and have the unique experience of mentoring with Yannick Nézet-Séguin. They will attend OM rehearsals and concerts conducted by Yannick during the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 seasons. In addition, during the second year of the program, they will be given assistantship assignments with guest conductors and Yannick Nézet-Séguin. Throughout their participation in the program, they will benefit from regular training-focused discussions with the Orchestre Métropolitain's administrative team and musicians and opportunities to become involved in the OM's educational and artistic activities.

Preliminary calendar (subject to change)

2023-2024 SEASON

Session 1 — September 12 to 17, 2023

Session 2 — November 14 to 18, 2023

Session 3 — December 17 to 20, 2023

Session 4 — February 1 to 4, 2024

Session 5 — June 14 to 16, 2024

2024-2025 SEASON

The schedule for the 2024-2025 season will be sent to the selected applicants in the spring of 2023.

Repertoire

The selected applicants will be informed of the Orchestre's repertoire.

Conditions

Up to \$5,000 in financial assistance will be granted to cover the transportation and lodging expenses of the selected applicants who have to travel to Montreal to take part in Academy activities.

Fees will be paid to the applicants for their appointment as assistants during the second year of the program.

Submitting your application

Applicants should submit their application by **April 7, 2023**. The application must include:

- The completed [application form](#);
- A curriculum vitae;
- A capsule biography (300 words or less);
- One to three videos of orchestral performances recorded after September 1, 2020, with a combined run time of no more than 15 minutes;
- A letter of interest describing why the candidate wants to take part in the program and detailing the impact that attending the Academy could have on their career.

Applications that are incomplete or submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

To apply: Fill out the [online form](#).

Undertaking

By submitting an application, applicants undertake, if selected, to be available for the program and actively participate in it. In addition, they agree that their name and picture may be used in OM communications about the initiative.

Important dates

Application deadline: April 7, 2023

Announcement of the selected applicants: May 2023

Orchestral Conducting Academy participation period: September 2023 to June 2025

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