

Audition Protocol for CONDUCTING FELLOWSHIP Denis Wick Canadian Wind Orchestra 2020

The Program:

The DWCWO Fellows program is unique in the country in that it aims to serve the needs of undergraduate music majors with a keen interest in conducting. 1-3 fellows are selected to observe the full week of DWCWO rehearsals, prepare scores, assist in sectionals, discuss repertoire, rehearsal technique, and philosophy AND receive coaching from both Dr. Gillian MacKay (University of Toronto) and Mark Hopkins (Acadia University). Fellows are not charged a program fee, but they are responsible for travel and accommodation costs, same as DWCWO players. The program runs from Sunday May 17 to Friday May 22, 2020, and takes place in Calgary, AB.

Eligibility:

Conducting Fellows must be enrolled in an undergraduate music program at the time of application, and have completed at least one undergraduate conducting course.

How to Apply:

There are three parts to the application process. Start by emailing Mark Hopkins (mark.hopkins@acadiu.ca) to alert us to your interest in the Fellows program, and complete all three component tasks, listed below.

Part #1 Video

Please video-record a 2-5 minute sample of yourself conducting live musicians. It could be with a chamber ensemble or with a full band or orchestra, or it could be footage recorded during your conducting course. Upload this excerpt to a private youtube channel, and include the link to this video in your email to Dr. Hopkins.

Part #2 **Experience Profile**

Please submit an experience profile as a Word or PDF attachment in your email to Dr. Hopkins. Include your education, the name(s) of your conducting instructor(s), and any conducting experiences that have been significant and helpful along the way.

Part #3 **Register at the MusicFest Website**

Your MusicFest experience will be similar to any honour ensemble participant. Communication about travel, housing, and schedules will be shared through this online profile. It is crucial that you construct a profile and respond as requested by the MusicFest administration. Details about how to register can be found at: <https://musicfest.ca/national-honour-ensembles/denis-wick-canadian-wind-orchestra/audition-procedure/>

Applications are due on or before January 31, 2020. Please direct any questions to Dr. Hopkins (mark.hopkins@acadiau.ca)