The Charlottesville Symphony seeks two stagehands for its 2023-24 concert season. One of them can be a member of the orchestra.

Rehearsals are held almost every Wednesday night between early September and late April – except during UVA breaks – from 7:30-10:00pm at Old Cabell Hall. Stagehands, working under the direction of Production Manager Ilon Weeldreyer, usually arrive at 6:30 to set up the stage (chairs, music stands, conductor’s podium, percussion equipment, etc.). Once the rehearsal has begun, stagehands are on call for stage changes between pieces, but can sit out in the auditorium and study, read, etc. if they aren’t playing as a member of the orchestra. The stage crew is finished by 10:30pm.

There are also six Thursday night rehearsals on:
September 21, 2023
November 9
November 30
February 8, 2024
March 14
April 18

In addition to rehearsals, stagehands must be available on the following concert dates. Each Concert Weekend includes a Friday night dress rehearsal from 7:30-10:00pm with the exception of Friday, September 22. The Saturday time block is approximately 6:00-10:00pm. Sunday afternoons, when we repeat the previous night’s concert at Charlottesville High School, require availability from 12:00-7:00pm.
Concert weekend dates are:
September 23-24, 2023
November 11-12
December 2-3 (both at Old Cabell Hall)
February 10-11, 2024
March 16-17
April 20-21

Lastly, the orchestra performs two back-to-back Youth Concerts for fourth and fifth graders on the morning of Thursday, October 12. If a stagehand is a UVA student and has a class that morning, we provide “Please excuse ________ from class for this important community service” letters to faculty upon request.

The pay rate is $12.00/hour. The job starts immediately. If current stagehands do a great job, they are invited to return the following season.

The strongest applicants often surface through personal referrals. Please feel free to forward this announcement to anyone whom you think might be interested. Applicants should send a cover letter and resume or summary of applicable experience to Charlottesville Symphony Society Executive Director Janet Kaltenbach at orchestra@virginia.edu.

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