NYO Canada Residency

The National Youth Orchestra of Canada (NYO Canada) is soliciting institutions from across Canada to host our Summer Training Institute and build a mutually beneficial partnership.

Going into our 62nd season, NYO Canada looks to further ingrain itself into the cultural fabric of Canada and our summer home is an integral part of this mission.

We would hereby like to invite your institution to submit proposals in accordance with the NYO Canada Residency Request for Proposal.

Within the RFP you will find all the information necessary to conduct a proper assessment of requirements. Please note all financial information is stated in Canadian dollars.

If you would like to submit a proposal, please send an email containing the below information to Jonathan Welmers by September 17th 2021.

Institution name
Contact person (First Name, Last Name)
Email address
Telephone number
PDF Proposal

We look forward to hearing from you.

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NYO Canada Background

The National Youth Orchestra of Canada (NYO Canada) is a not-for-profit charitable organization founded in 1960. It is the country’s preeminent orchestral summer program providing the most comprehensive and in-depth training available to Canada’s young classical musicians ages 16 to 28. As the bridge between music education and a music career, NYO Canada trains well-rounded and skilled orchestral musicians who are able to thrive in a variety of performance environments. Each year, up to 100 of Canada’s most promising young orchestral musicians are selected to participate in the NYO Canada Summer Training Institute, which includes an orchestral training institute, a chamber music festival, and a tour. Students receive rigorous individual, sectional, chamber and orchestral instruction; training in musician-specific mental health and injury prevention; and workshops ranging from audition techniques to the skills required to market one’s musical career. The program culminates in a tour of concert halls in major Canadian cities and beyond, along with a professional studio album recording session.

Project

NYO Canada seeks a vendor to hold its Summer Training Institute, an overnight camp running approximately from June 15th to July 24th, 2022. A successful vendor will be able to provide an environment conducive to music instruction as well as accommodate room and board for upward of 150 people. Higher consideration will be given to those who can express interest and commitment to a multi-year agreement.

Scope

NYO Canada operates 12–16 hours a day 6 days a week with exceptions and will request use of your facilities for such time. Outlined below are 5 key areas NYO Canada requires to successfully accomplish our goal. Please detail your capacity to fulfill each area and provide alternatives when necessary.
Residency Rooms

Students

- Residential rooms for 92 to 105 students
- 1 - 2 students maximum per room
- 1 washroom per 2 students with a shower, toilet, and sink
- Bedding
- Housekeeping
- Onsite laundry

Faculty Staff

- Private residential room for 40 - 60 faculty/staff (faculty rotate through the duration of the program and approximately 30 private rooms could accommodate the group)
- Private washroom with a shower, toilet, and sink
- Bedding
- Housekeeping
- Onsite laundry

*** Due to faculty rotating, rooms will need to be turned over for the next faculty, this turnover often happens on weekends.

Common Areas

- Spaces for students and faculty to socialize

Meals

- 3 meals per day (breakfast, lunch, dinner) for duration of program
- Approximately 1h30 eating windows
- Adhere to Ontario School Food and Beverage policies.
- Accommodate allergies and dietary restrictions
- Menus and mealtimes agreed upon in contract discussion
Facilities

1 large rehearsal space: 60’ x 40’ minimum (accommodate 90+ people) (non-negotiable)
1 performance space: theater style or similar with seating upwards of 150
25 medium sized rooms (accommodate 4 - 25 people)
25 studio rooms (accommodate 1 - 4 people)
1 administration office equipped with desks and wireless network (accommodate up to 10 people)
Washrooms
Chairs
24 hour access to rooms with personal key/fob access when possible
Elevator access if applicable
Parking
Wireless Internet Network
Copy and Printing Services

*** Small and medium sized rooms can be negotiated

Instruments/Music Specific Gear

1 grand piano (non-negotiable)
2 baby grand pianos (in same room)
Upright pianos
Percussion Instruments (Timpani, Marimba, Xylophone)
120+ Manhasset music stands or comparable
120+ Chairs
Risers (for large rehearsal space)
Sound shell (for large rehearsal space)
Audio and video recording capabilities

Staffing

Facilities manager
Cafeteria staff
Housekeeping staff
Project Budget

NYO Canada has a project budget of $200,000 - $300,000 for all services included.

Deadlines

Proposals will be accepted up to September 17th, 2021. Vendors will be interviewed, and a successful vendor will be notified by November 1st, 2021, to begin contract negotiations. Contract dates will run from approximately June 15th to July 24th, 2022, with option to renew pending mutual agreement.

Evaluation criteria

Vendors will be evaluated on the quality of each item fulfilled within the 5 categories outlined. (Residency Rooms, Meals, Facilities, Instruments/Music Gear, and Staffing)

Vendors will be expected to accommodate site visits during the negotiation process.

Guidelines for submitting the proposal

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