



The [JUGENDJAZZORCHESTER.CH](https://www.jugendjazzorchester.ch) promotes young talent at a national level and provides formative experiences in a large ensemble at a high level of performance. The JJO cultivates a contemporary and open concept of style and sees itself explicitly as a cross-genre vessel.

Starting summer 2025, we are looking for a new

Artistic Director

Tasks:

- Planning and implementation of yearly musical programs
- Coordinated planning in close collaboration with the managing director
- Composing and arranging music for the orchestra (around 20 musicians)
- Mentoring for up-and-coming composers
- Assembling the artistic team for workshops, scheduled rehearsals and compositions by guest composers.
- Rehearsal management (3 weekends, 1 intensive week)
- Leading the ensemble on the annual concert tour and additional performances

We expect:

- Proven artistic profile including experience with large ensembles
- Teaching experience, ideally at the appropriate age level (16-25)
- A solid existing network within the Swiss jazz schools ecosystem or willingness to develop one
- Team-oriented work

We offer:

- Fixed term contract for 3 seasons with possibility of renewal for another 3 years term, Compensation aligned with reference salary from Music School Basel-Stadt
- Well-established team consisting of managing director and project assistant
- Ongoing cooperations with schools, clubs and festivals
- Professional infrastructures and logistics
- Work within an independent and flexible association

We also welcome team applications.

Date and location of the trial lesson: Friday, **November 22, 2024** in Basel

The application must be submitted by **September 15, 2024** as a summarized PDF file to mail@jugendjazzorchester.ch and should include the following documents

- CV and letter of motivation
- Representative links to your artistic work including videos or MP3 of works for large ensemble(s), with scores in PDF format
- Your global artistic vision for the JUGENDJAZZORCHESTER.CH project, which could be described in relation to your own experience as a musician (max. half an A4 page)

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