The Ohio State University seeks a director who will provide ambitious and innovative leadership for its School of Music.

The director will serve as the administrative head of the school, with oversight of its faculty, staff, curriculum, budget, and strategic direction. The new director will lead the way in defining and implementing a vision for the School of Music, with the goal of developing its strengths and keeping it competitive with respect to today’s changing academic climate and the challenges newly confronting the arts and humanities. The successful candidate will be bold, open, and honest, and will provide leadership for the variety of academic and professional training programs the school offers.

The school seeks a visionary and venturesome leader who is skilled in directing change with a varied group of people representing diverse areas of study, and perceptive in developing the academic and creative potential of faculty and students. The new director will be an innovator in terms of curriculum development, outreach, visibility, organization, and governance, taking into account the school’s considerable size and its position within a College of Arts and Sciences that includes 37 other academic units. As the head of the school and as the public face of the unit nationally and internationally, the director will make the necessary connections within and outside the university for strengthening the school’s financial foundation and developing its musical and academic profiles. He or she will collaborate with university and arts leaders to guide the school’s integration into Ohio State’s $200 million project to develop a vibrant Arts District. This multi-year project will include a new state-of-the-art building for the School of Music.

Qualifications:

Doctorate or terminal degree or commensurate professional experience is required in an appropriate field of study or area. The achievements of the candidate should be appropriate for an appointment with tenure, preferably at the rank of full professor, including a distinguished record of scholarship, performance, creative activity and/or professional accomplishment; teaching excellence at the post-secondary level; and professional service. We are seeking candidates with demonstrated experience in leadership and with desired experience in fundraising, budget planning, and management. Successful candidates will have the demonstrated ability to work with diverse students and colleagues, and the ability to lead a diverse school with multiple divisions and to work successfully and creatively across disciplines within a complex organization. The field of specialization is open.

Appointment is contingent on the university’s verification of credentials and other information required by law and/or university policies, including but not limited to a criminal background check.

About the School of Music:

As one of the largest universities in the United States, Ohio State offers a wealth of resources on its beautiful campus. The School of Music is part of the College of Arts and Sciences, the academic heart of the university. Newly restructured in 2010, the college offers 80 majors and offers unmatched breadth, depth, and excellence in the visual and performing arts, humanities, and behavioral, mathematical, natural and social sciences. The school is large enough to take advantage of the limitless possibilities provided by a world-class university, yet small enough to attend to the individual needs of its students. Its faculty of approximately 100 full and part-time faculty – including nationally and internationally recognized performing artists, composers, scholars, and master teachers – serves a student body of 320 undergraduate and 150 graduate music majors, as well as serving the needs of many non-music majors. The school recognizes the relationship that binds music to other academic and artistic disciplines, and prepares its students for professional careers as composers, performers, scholars, and teachers. Faculty and students present over 300 performances annually that enrich not only the academic environment but
also the culture of the surrounding community. In keeping with the university’s broader mission, the school is committed to nurturing the best of Ohio’s students, while maintaining excellence and diversity by recruiting nationally and internationally.

About Columbus:

The Ohio State University is located in Columbus, Ohio, a dynamic capital city situated on the banks of the Scioto River. Columbus boasts a diverse economy and is among the fastest-growing cities in the U.S. It is home to a renowned zoo, an award-winning science museum, and a nationally-honored public library system. Exciting sports, local festivals, and farm markets contribute to Columbus’ livability, as do hundreds of restaurants, boutiques, and galleries. Its vibrant visual and performing arts culture features musical attractions such as Columbus Jazz Orchestra, ProMusica Chamber Orchestra, Columbus Symphony, BalletMet, Opera Columbus, and a flourishing popular music scene featuring local and nationally touring bands.

Application Instructions:

Applicants should submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information for 3 references. Review of applications will begin on Feb. 1, 2016, and we encourage submission before that date. However, applications will continue to be accepted until the position is filled. Please apply online through Academic Jobs Online at: https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/6951. Inquiries may be directed to Debra Moddelmog (moddelmog.1@osu.edu) and Timothy Leasure (leasure.13@osu.edu). The anticipated start date of the position is August 2016.

The Ohio State University is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status, or protected veteran status.