



## **JOB DESCRIPTION: MUSE STRINGENDO TEACHING ARTIST**

The Oakland Symphony is seeking MUSE Stringendo Teaching Artists to join a dynamic team that prioritizes artistry, education, diversity, equity and access for Oakland youth.

### **THE ORGANIZATION**

Oakland Symphony strives to enrich the city's cultural life by championing symphonic music performance and music education. It is a leading regional performing art organization that is nationally known for its inclusive programming and connection to the community. We seek teaching artists who prioritize a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment and are passionate about increasing the reach and impact of Oakland Symphony's programming.

### **MUSE STRINGENDO PROGRAM**

The MUSE Stringendo program is a new partnership between Oakland Symphony and the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD). The Oakland Symphony engages highly qualified beginning string teachers to partner with in-school OUSD elementary music string teachers in addition to leading a weekly after-school session.

### **POSITION SUMMARY**

Through providing positive individual attention and group lessons to classroom and after school students in grades 3-5, a Stringendo Teaching Artist supports the goals of OUSD certified music teachers specializing in violin, viola, and cello. Successful candidates will coach students on how to practice in creative and engaging ways with the priority to engage, inspire, and provide instrumental music instruction which yield concert results.

\*Visit OUSD Visual & Performing Arts Web-site to get current with goals and activities for OUSD:  
<http://www.ousd.org/Domain/157>

### **ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Provide monthly reports detailing school visits, dates, hours, success stories, and statistics.
- Lead weekly after school practice sessions.
- Create lesson plans which include principles of playing the instrument and music fundamentals, highlighting OUSD teacher's requested repertoire.
- Exchange observations of students, teaching techniques, and ideas with the certified music teacher.

- Recruit students for various opportunities in MUSE and beyond. (EX: Master Classes, Performances, Summer Camps, Ensembles, etc.)
- Maintain and communicate a regular schedule with consistent & prompt attendance.
- Attend annual MUSE meetings and teaching artist training opportunities as available.
- Submit a background check.
- Be aware of appropriate interactions with students and colleagues, i.e.: alerting classroom teacher to suspected child abuse and neglect, sexual harassment etc.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Previous professional experience as both a symphonic instrumentalist and group teacher preferred.
- Knowledge and appreciation of multiple cultures and genres of music is a plus.
- Superb written, verbal, and organizational skills.
- Ability to manage and engage a classroom of students.
- Experience working with youth.
- Strong social and interpersonal skills.
- Clear wellness & background checks (Covid vaccination & proof of a negative TB test within the last 4 years.)
- Regular availability during the day from September to May
- Access to reliable transportation.

## **ATTRIBUTES**

- People person and team player.
- Punctual and organized.
- Empathetic.
- Sense of Humor.
- Strong desire to mentor youth.
- Exceptional interpersonal skills.
- Share creative enthusiasm of learning music through classroom management and engagement.

## **COMPENSATION**

Part-time hourly rate of \$70.00 per hour. Paid monthly. Hours are subject to teaching schedule and availability. Oakland Symphony is an equal opportunity employer and actively seeks diversity in staffing.

**TO APPLY:** Please fill out the online application form and submit your resume to Beth Vandervennet, MUSE Program Manager at [jobs@oaklandsymphony.org](mailto:jobs@oaklandsymphony.org).