



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 prioritizes 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 partnership between Oakland Symphony and the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD). MUSE Stringendo after-school classes provide the structure and supported routines around repetition and variety for students to become acquainted, developed, and eventually skilled at string instruments. Additionally, MUSE Teaching Artists contribute critical benefits around individualized attention and care, empowerment, motivation, and value.

POSITION SUMMARY

The Oakland Symphony engages highly qualified beginning string teachers to design and lead an elementary after-school strings program for students in grades 3 through 5. Additionally, Teaching Artists may partner with in-school OUSD elementary music teachers to support daytime music instruction when appropriate.

Through providing individualized attention and group lessons to after-school students, a Stringendo Teaching Artist supports the goals of OUSD music standards and programs 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.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Lead weekly one-hour after-school elementary string classes once or twice a week.
- Develop curriculum and lesson plans that include principles of playing the instrument and music fundamentals, with the support of the Director of Education & Social Impact.
- Provide quarterly impact statements detailing success stories, statistics, and areas of growth.

- Exchange observations of students, teaching techniques, and ideas with the in-school certified music teacher when possible.
- Recruit students for various opportunities in MUSE and beyond (EX: Master Classes, Performances, Ensembles, etc.).
- Maintain a regular schedule with consistent attendance and communication.
- Prepare students for performances at MUSE annual concerts.
- Attend annual MUSE meetings and Teaching Artist Professional Development 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 string instrumentalist and group teacher preferred.
- Experience working with youth.
- Ability to manage and engage a classroom of students.
- Knowledge and appreciation of multiple cultures and genres of music is a plus.
- Exceptional interpersonal skills to work with various community constituents.
- 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 and flexibility
- Strong desire to mentor youth
- Superb verbal and organizational skills
- Enthusiasm for teaching and learning music through classroom management and engagement

COMPENSATION

Part-time hourly rate of \$85.00 per hour for teaching. Paid monthly. Professional Development hours will be compensated at the Oakland Symphony determined rate of \$50.00 per hour. 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 found at our website:

[Application form for Oak Sym Jobs](#)

Submit your resume to the attention of Rachel Kim, Director of Education & Social Impact at jobs@oaklandsymphony.org