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## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **VIOLIN/VIOLA TEACHING ARTIST – TEMPORARY POSITION**

**Reports To:** String Site Director

**Status:** Part-time

**Schedule:** Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:15-6:15pm (beginner)

**Payment:** Hourly, based on experience

**Locations/Sites:** **Paterson School 1** – 1 East 32<sup>nd</sup> St., Paterson, NJ

**Start Date:** November 12, 2018

**End Date:** March 1, 2019

#### **Position Summary:**

Paterson Music Project (PMP), an El Sistema-inspired after school music program in Paterson, NJ, is seeking Violin and Viola Teaching Artists for the 2018-19 academic year. The position is for two beginner group violin classes.

PMP provides intense musical immersion for students six hours each week after school. Students study a primary instrument and participate in ensemble practice. Students also study music theory, music history, aural training, and singing. They perform frequently for the school and community. Over 250 students in grades 1-8 participate in PMP at two different sites in Paterson.

#### **Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

Subject to the policies and management directions established by the String Site Director, the duties of the Teaching Artist will include, but are not limited to:

- Implement the String Curriculum as designed by the String Site Director.
- Teach appropriate pedagogy to students on violin or viola.
- Encourage learning in a safe environment that builds students' self-esteem and confidence.

- Participate in bi-weekly team meetings.
- Participate in ongoing professional development workshops in effective classroom management, beginner-level instruction, lesson plan development, and delivering an *El Sistema*-inspired program and related topics.
- Communicate and build rapport with parents and students in the class.
- Supervise students at concerts.
- Record student attendance.
- Pass out flyers to students/families when requested.
- Must be on site from 4:05-6:25PM to set up and clean up the classroom.

**Qualifications and Special Requirements:**

- Demonstrate excellent musicianship and artistry as a teacher/performer.
- Bachelor's degree in music performance or music education required.
- Strong interest in the *El Sistema* philosophy of social change through music.
- Strong knowledge and experience teaching young beginners violin or viola.
- Suzuki training a plus.
- Flexibility and creativity to adapt to curriculum goals and ability to work collaboratively.
- Strong classroom management skills.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills and ability to work effectively with a wide range of constituencies in a diverse community.
- Ability to work during program hours as well as additional hours for planning meetings, professional development and scheduled concerts.
- Interest and ability to be a role model to students and parents as a citizen, artist, teacher and scholar and to encourage students to develop holistically.
- Ability to work under frequent observation.
- Bilingual (Spanish) a plus.

Are you passionate about music education and the power it possesses for social change? Email your resume to Program Director Elizabeth Moulthrop at [elizabeth.moulthrop@whartonarts.org](mailto:elizabeth.moulthrop@whartonarts.org) or call 973 341 7959.