



August 2021

WYSO Music Makers Program

Title: Violin Instructor

Classification: Independent Contractor

Program Description:

The Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra Music Makers (WYSO MM) Program welcomes students to learn instrumental music in a non-competitive environment, regardless of ability to pay. The program provides access to instruments, music, and instruction for students from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds throughout Madison, WI.

WYSO is committed to providing high quality music education in a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment for all faculty, staff, and program participants. Candidates of color, as well as those with other diverse backgrounds and experiences are strongly encouraged to apply.

Position Description:

WYSO MM seeks violin instructors for hire to join our dynamic and growing musical community. General responsibilities include teaching and preparing students in private and/or group instruction to the standards and mission of the organization. Within the scope of work, faculty are expected to attend monthly virtual staff meetings and attend/support program performances. This is an independent contractor, 1099 opportunity.

Responsibilities:

- Teach weekly private lessons throughout the school year to beginning and intermediate level violin students, ages 5-18. Opportunities for additional group class instruction may be available depending on the future needs of the program.
- Communicate regularly with WYSO's students and their guardians/parents.
 - Establish lesson schedule and clearly articulate practice assignments.
 - Send reminders about classes and events as needed.
- Follow existing program curriculum and collaborate with string faculty to further develop WYSO MM's string curriculum.
- Attend faculty meetings and professional development sessions.
- Attend and support WYSO MM concerts and events.

Qualifications:

- Degree in Music Performance or Music Education.
- An understanding of the Rolland and Suzuki approaches to string pedagogy and the ability to apply each with students as appropriate.
- At least one year of private/group teaching experience with students from diverse racial and economic backgrounds.
- Willingness to enthusiastically embrace the mission of WYSO and WYSO MM.
- Appropriate studio teaching space is required.
- (Preferred) Experience performing or teaching viola.
- (Preferred) Conversational in Spanish, French, Ewe, Yoruba, or Tibetan.

Hours and Compensation:

- 5-18 hours a week depending on how many students and/or classes taught.
 - Teaching rate: \$50/hour
 - Faculty meetings rate: \$15/hour
- Teachers are able to set their own teaching schedules (within student availability).
- Some evening or weekend availability will be required for recitals or other WYSO MM events.

Covid-19 Safety Precautions:

- At this time, we plan to resume the majority of our group and private lesson activities in-person for the 2021-22 season. However, all faculty, students, and parents will be required to wear a mask when indoors regardless of vaccination status until further notice.
- The health and safety of our students and staff will always be prioritized. We will maintain awareness of changing federal, state, and facility safety guidelines and are prepared to adjust our programming accordingly if necessary.

How to be considered:

Please email your qualifications and letter of interest to WYSO MM Director, Ria Hodgson at ria@wysomusic.org.