



Position: Music Inspires Violin (and Viola) Teacher and Program Administrator

Type of Position: Full time based at Elley-Long Music Center

Reports to the Executive Director

The Vermont Youth Orchestra Association (VYOA) seeks to hire a full time string teacher/program administrator for its *Music Inspires* program. This new position includes being the acting lead teacher for the afterschool string classes at partner schools, managing new and existing school and community partners, and managing a new private lesson program which launches in September 2018.

Description: The VYOA's flagship ensemble, the Vermont Youth Orchestra, was founded in 1964 by the Burlington Friends of Music with the mission "to do more for music in the schools." That work continues today with *Music Inspires*, the VYOA's community engagement program committed to eliminating access barriers to students from different socioeconomic backgrounds. Partnership with area 21C-funded afterschool programs is at the very heart of the program. *Music Inspires* provides group lessons, coachings, instruments, school-day performances, and materials at no cost to students and their families or their schools. VYOA ensembles reach nearly 3,000 schoolchildren annually through school-day concerts.

Responsibilities:

Music Inspires

- Teach afterschool beginning group violin classes at partnering schools (4 hours/week)
- Administer program and serve as liaison to school and community partners
- Plan and foster program expansion with existing and new school and community partners
- Arrange student performance opportunities

Private lesson program

- Teach 30-minute violin and viola private lessons (up to 12 hours/week)
- Administer program, including: scheduling all violin, viola, cello, and bass private lessons; serving as point of contact for program instructors and parents; and coordinating instructor remuneration schedule
- Produce end-of-year recital

Qualifications: Bachelor of Music degree in violin performance or music education; long-term Suzuki teacher training preferred, registered Suzuki training desired. Experience teaching beginning violin in a group setting, administrative expertise, and strong organizational and communication skills required.



Qualities: A successful candidate demonstrates a passion for developing young people as individuals and musicians; recognizes that the economic circumstances of children are not indicators of their musical talent, interest, or appreciation; is able to manage day-to-day demands and deadlines; is energetic, positive, mature, professional, motivated, and has a sense of humor.

Salary: Compensation will be competitive with similarly sized organizations and commensurate with experience. Benefits include paid vacation and sick leave, health insurance, and retirement package. Additional opportunities for VYOA remuneration exist based on the individual's availability and willingness to: lead sectionals, serve on summer camp faculty, and adjudicate auditions.

The Vermont Youth Orchestra Association is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All final candidates will be asked to undergo a criminal records check.

Contact: Applicants should email a letter of application and resume to Rosina Cannizzaro, VYOA executive director, at rosina@vyo.org. Review of applications will begin March 15 and the position will remain open until filled. Finalists will be invited to interview in Colchester, VT in April.

About the Vermont Youth Orchestra Association:

Over 300 students in grades 1 – 12 from across Vermont and neighboring states participate in our three orchestras, two choruses, beginning string ensemble, community engagement programs, and summer camps, making the VYOA our region's premier youth orchestra and chorus program. With a mission "to develop young people as artists, citizens, and leaders through the shared pursuit of musical excellence," the VYOA is committed to providing instrumental and choral experiences for students of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. All of our students leave the VYOA with a respect for music, for learning, and for the arts, attributes that will enhance and inform their adult lives in our communities and beyond.

All programs are based at our beautiful home, the Elley-Long Music Center at St. Michael's College. VYOA orchestras and choruses will perform over 20 performances at Elley-Long Music Center, the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, and schools throughout the state.

About the Burlington-area and Colchester, VT:

Burlington is vibrant, entrepreneurial and historic, yet innovative. It's a city that has kept its charm while also being positively edgy. Locals and visitors alike enjoy Burlington's walkable downtown, its abundance of parks and cheerful streets ripe for exploring the city's dining, shopping and abundance of arts. Outdoors enthusiasts are drawn to Burlington's surrounding region; from the mountains overlooking the Mad River Valley, southbound to Addison County and northward to the Lake Champlain Islands and beyond. Home of the University of Vermont, Champlain College, and St. Michael's College in Colchester, the Lake Champlain region is a vibrant and thriving place to live, visit and do business.