



Position: Lesson and Community Programs Manager/Teaching artist (violin/viola)

Type of Position: Full time seasonal (10 months) based at Elley-Long Music Center in Colchester, Vermont

Reports to the Executive Director

The Vermont Youth Orchestra Association (VYOA) seeks to hire a full-time string teacher/program administrator for its Lesson Program and school partnership program, *Music Inspires*. This position is responsible for both private and group string teaching as well as managing the school partners and the teaching staff for both programs.

A successful candidate has a genuine love of teaching and demonstrates a passion for working with young people; recognizes that the economic circumstances of children are not indicators of their musical talent, interest, or appreciation; manages day-to-day demands and deadlines efficiently; communicates in a timely and professional manner with families, staff, and school partners; and is a team player with a sense of humor.

Program Description: This position is responsible for both the administration and teaching needs of the Lesson Program and *Music Inspires*.

The Lesson Program was launched in 2018 in an effort to serve students and families where financial aid makes private instrument instruction possible. The Lesson Program currently offers lessons for violin, viola, cello, double bass, bassoon, French horn, and trombone. An expansion of the teaching roster is expected for the 2022-23 season. Lessons take place at the VYOA's home, the Elley-Long Music Center in Colchester, Vermont, and at a satellite studio in St. Albans, Vermont.

Music Inspires is the VYOA's community engagement initiative that partners with area afterschool programs in underserved and rural communities that receive 21st Century Community Learning Center (21C) federal funding. *Music Inspires* provides group lessons, coachings, instruments, subsidized VYOA program tuition, and materials at no cost to students, their families, or their schools.

Responsibilities:

Lesson Program

- Teach 30/45/60 minute violin and viola lessons at Elley-Long Music Center and satellite studio in St. Albans, VT
- Prepare students for 2 recitals per season and VYOA annual auditions
- Manage teaching roster and bi-weekly payroll (currently 6 teachers)
- Create season teaching schedule for faculty
- Track and submit all student registrations to office manager
- Manage all VYOA communications to Lesson Program families and faculty
- Manage two recitals per year. This includes hiring the accompanist and digital support for live stream

Music Inspires

- Teach group string at afterschool partner schools
- Prepare students for program sharings throughout the year
- Manage instrument string rentals and parent contracts
- Track teaching artist roster and submit payroll
- Identify and develop new school partners

Qualifications: Bachelor of Music degree in violin performance or music education required, master's degree in performance/pedagogy preferred; long-term Suzuki teacher training preferred, registered Suzuki training desired. Experience teaching beginning violin and viola in private and group settings, administrative expertise, and strong organizational and communication skills are required.

Salary: Compensation for this seasonal, full-time (10 mo.) position 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 sectional rehearsals for VYOA orchestras, serve on summer camp faculty, adjudicate auditions, bow string parts, and teach private lessons in the summer. Professional development opportunities such as teacher training and certification are available.

Contact: Applicants should email a letter of application and resume, with three references, to Rosina Cannizzaro, VYOA executive director, at rosina@vyo.org. Review of applications will begin March 21, 2022 and the position will remain open until filled. Finalists will be invited to interview in Colchester, VT in late April or May.

About the Vermont Youth Orchestra Association:

For over 50 years the VYOA has been a leader in shaping our region's young musicians. This season, more than 300 musicians in grades 1 – 12 from 63 elementary, middle, and high schools, hail from 10 Vermont counties and neighboring states. With a commitment to children of all ages, the VYOA offers performing ensembles and orchestras, training programs, a private lesson program, school partnerships and community initiatives, summer camps, and an early childhood concert series. You can hear VYOA musicians of all ages perform at Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, and the Elley-Long Music Center at St. Michael's College throughout the season.

The Vermont Youth Orchestra Association is an Equal Opportunity Employer.