JOB DESCRIPTION

Title: Teaching Artist / Low Strings (Viola, Cello & Bass)

Location: El Sistema Lehigh Valley at Roosevelt Elementary School

Reports to: El Sistema Lehigh Valley Program Manager

Hours: Approximately 18 hours per week – 90 day probation period

Start Date: September 2021

Inquiry: Please send your resume and cover letter to resumes@allentownsymphony.org

Interviews will be scheduled depending on interview committee & applicant availability

MISSION

El Sistema Lehigh Valley, a program of the Allentown Symphony Association, brings underserved youth a free opportunity to develop life skills learned by participating in high-quality daily music instruction, large ensemble experience and performances, and academic tutoring within a safe and nurturing environment. Participants will develop discipline, the ability to set and achieve long-term goals, and a sense of social responsibility inside a community that cherishes creativity, imagination, and music. This will empower the Lehigh Valley community when their young artists, respective families, and community members come together to celebrate the achievement of their youths.

El Sistema Lehigh Valley (ESLV) is an initiative of the Allentown Symphony Association (ASA), supported by the Allentown School District, to provide access to exceptional instrumental and orchestral education in order to promote youth development. Central to ESLV is the ASA’s plan to build, with community partners, youth orchestras in underserved communities throughout the Lehigh Valley.
Essential Functions:

As an ESLV faculty member, responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

- Teach string classes, group lessons, and/or sectionals
- Team teach and operate ensembles with up to 100 children
- Assist with full orchestra rehearsal of up to 70 children; tuning strings, playing in the section
- Attend music pedagogy and professional development sessions
- Prepare and communicate with teachers, program director, ASA staff, and parents
- Assist the ESLV Program Manager with classroom management logistics: classroom setup and breakdown, instrument tracking, supplies tracking etc.
- Attend regular staff meetings with Program manager and teachers

Qualifications:

- Demonstrated excellent musicianship and artistry as a teacher/performer
- Four-year undergraduate degree or equivalent experience required; post-graduate degree or equivalent experience a plus
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- Strong commitment to El Sistema’s philosophy of social change through music and the missions of ESLV
- Highly organized
- Able to simultaneously manage, prioritize, and benchmarks multiple projects and deadlines
- Strong knowledge of standard music pedagogy (Suzuki, etc.) with certification preferred
- Experience teaching strings
- Experience leading and conducting ensembles
- Strong knowledge of string repertoire, curriculum and pedagogy
- Experience working with children from diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds; experience working in underserved communities
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work effectively with a wide range of constituencies in a diverse community
- Interest and ability to be a motivational mentor and role model for students, parents, and peers as an artist, teacher and citizen
- Must have independent means of transportation
- Must be able to work as a member of a team
- Ability to work under frequent observation
- Ability to arrange music a plus
- Bilingual in English and Spanish a plus

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