



RIVERARTS STRING ENSEMBLE INSTRUCTOR – JOB OPPORTUNITY

Reporting to the Music Program Manager, the Strings Ensemble Instructor is responsible for all musical aspects of the RiverArts String Ensemble including the educational and artistic development of its students.

S/he will program music from repertoire recommended for beginner string ensembles, and develop a sequential, comprehensive program. The teacher sets the tone for the experience of many of our students and will foster an inclusive educational environment in which students continually develop musical skills and understanding, while encouraging student leadership.

Emphasizing the fundamentals of large ensemble playing, the RiverArts String Ensemble is an ideal first orchestral experience for late elementary through advanced students of violin, viola, cello, and double bass in elementary and middle school. Rehearsals will focus on the mastery of string orchestra techniques, listening, following, leadership, rhythm, and blend of sound.

QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal candidate will be enthusiastic and possess the necessary energy level for working effectively with young, active music students. In addition, the instructor approaches the orchestra members with humanity, empathy, and awareness of them as children engaged in a complex social, physical, emotional, and intellectual developmental process. The ensemble will be held in a Rivertown location, and the instructor will be responsible for getting to the location, access to a car highly recommended.

THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS ARE REQUIRED:

- Proven success as a music teacher and conductor, and extensive knowledge of string orchestra repertoire appropriate for beginning and intermediate level
- Familiarity with arrangements and transcriptions that are available for younger orchestras, including diverse repertoire that introduces students to a variety of styles and cultures
- Practical understanding of orchestra bowing and similar techniques with all other violin family instruments.

The candidate must be able to act with discretion in handling confidential conversations, correspondence, and records; and interact professionally with a diverse group of people including students, parents, staff. This person must be able to communicate effectively both orally and in writing, and proactively identify and relay any issues to the Music Program Manager.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES INCLUDE:

- Teach beginning to intermediate string techniques, including posture, instrument care/maintenance, setup, bow and fingering technique.
- Teach fundamental musical skills, including notation, reading, rhythm, ensemble habits and etiquette, practice techniques, listening comprehension.

- Select repertoire to be studied and performed.
- Ensure that all bowings and markings are clear and consistent.
- Coordinate materials to be covered in sectionals with respective teachers.
- Lead & conduct the RiverArts Strings at rehearsals and performances.
- Ensure equitable learning opportunities for all students.
- Participate in scheduling and operations of seating auditions for this ensemble.
- Choose students for principal/leadership positions

We will offer two, back-to-back classes with students grouped by skill level. The beginner class will be 60 minutes and the more advanced class will be 90 minutes. The specific day of the week will be based on teacher and facility availability. The ensemble will begin mid-September 2023.

COMPENSATION

Depending on enrollment for the 16-week semester, the instructor will be paid \$560 per student for the 60-minute class and \$720 per student for the 90-minute class per semester.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Email cover letter expressing interest and resume to: teacher_jobs@riverarts.org. Submission deadline: July 15th, 2023.

RiverArts encourages diverse candidates to apply for this position. RiverArts is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate based on race, religion, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, non-disqualifying physical or mental disability, national origin, veteran status or any other basis covered by appropriate law. All employment is decided based on qualifications, merit, and business need.

ABOUT RIVERARTS

RiverArts inspires Hudson River communities in lower Westchester County to come together through art. RiverArts' year-round season of events and programming includes our two signature free, multi-village artists' Studio Tour and Music Tour; an annual dance concert; a three-part Chamber Music series; theater performances; and smaller community events such as Drink & Draw, Salon Sundays, Swing Dance night, artist conversations and pop-up concerts; plus Music Education and SummerArts Camps for kids of all ages.

For over half a century, RiverArts has been the catalyst that connects performers, musicians, and art-makers with Rivertowns audiences. We believe in the power of art to express, transform, and bring joy to our lives and our community.

Please visit us on-line to read our mission, core values and see what we are up to!

<https://www.riverarts.org>