



Social change through music

Violin Teaching Artist for BRAVO George After-school Youth Orchestra and Chorus

Hours: 15 hrs/week, approximately 32 wks annually; 2:30-5:00pm M-F, including weekly staff meetings and instructional preparation time, occasional evenings or weekends (for performances)

Start date: August 25, 2016 for training, August 29 for first day of program

Pay rate: \$35/hr teaching rate, \$17.50/hr for additional non-teaching hours (meetings, optional events)

Personal time: 7 hours per year

Sick leave: 1 hour accrued per 30 hours worked in accordance with Portland Protected Sick Time Ordinance

Reports to: Artistic Director; Executive Director

Organization Summary: BRAVO Youth Orchestras is a non-profit organization created to transform the lives of underserved children and youth through intensive, ensemble-based music instruction. BRAVO is inspired by El Sistema, Venezuela's national program of social action through music, and is a member of El Sistema USA. BRAVO launched in September 2013 with a strings and chorus program at Rosa Parks Elementary School and now serves about 60 students after-school in grades 2-5. In 2015-16, BRAVO established a winds program for 25 students in grades 4-5 at César Chávez School. In 2016-17, BRAVO will expand to George Middle School, which is among Portland's most culturally diverse priority schools (multiple languages spoken, about 90% of students qualify for free and reduced lunch). For more information about BRAVO please contact us or visit www.oregonbravo.org.

Position Summary:

The BRAVO Violin Teaching Artist serves as a member of a vibrant team of teachers who lead daily sectionals with approximately 8-10 students in grades 5-6. TAs participate in teaching general musicianship classes and assist their section in full orchestra rehearsals by modeling positive, focused behavior and coaching students. The teaching team meets together at a one-hour, weekly meeting. TAs will also attend and assist at BRAVO performances on weekends or evenings (average 1-2 per month). BRAVO's schedule closely follows the public school calendar.

Qualifications:

- Passion for impacting students' lives through music, especially underserved or at-risk youth
- Effective classroom management techniques
- Prior experience teaching school age children
- Mastery of your instrument and strong general music knowledge
- Ability to work well in a racially and culturally diverse community
- Commitment to creating a nurturing atmosphere with evident mutual respect for students, parents/guardians, volunteers, and co-workers
- Punctuality, professionalism, and a commitment to excellence
- Ability to teach violin to intermediate students in both individual and group settings

Position Requirements:

- Undergraduate degree in music (Masters degree preferred) or equivalent
- Minimum of 2 years teaching music in individual or group settings
- Successfully pass a background check

To Apply:

Please submit a resume, a letter of interest and three references by **Monday, May 23** to:

BRAVO Youth Orchestras

PO Box 17356

Portland, OR 97217

Or email the above documents to mark@oregonbravo.org

Finalists will be asked to prepare a short musical selection for performance at the interview.

BRAVO serves a diverse population of students at Rosa Parks School which is reflected in our current staff. BRAVO is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate based on age, color, disability, gender identity, genetic information, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran's status.