



Social change through music

Percussion Teaching Artist for BRAVO After-school Youth Orchestra and Chorus

Hours: 16 hrs/week, approximately 33 wks annually; 2:15-5:15pm M-F, including weekly staff meetings and instructional preparation time, occasional evenings or weekends (for performances)

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

Position starts: Sept 5-6, 2019 for training, Sept 9 for first day of program

Reports to: Site Director; Winds Program 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's after-school program launched in September 2013 serving 40 students at one site and now serves over 150 students after-school at five program sites. For more information about BRAVO please contact us or visit www.oregonbravo.org.

Position Summary:

The Percussion TA will be the primary instructor for 5-10 students whose primary instrument is in the percussion family. 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, familiarity with other instruments
- 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 in both individual and group settings, occasional ensemble conducting

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 names and contact info for three references by **Mon, May 13** to:

BRAVO Youth Orchestras
PO Box 17356
Portland, OR 97217

Or email the above documents to Executive Director Adam Eccleston: adam@oregonbravo.org

Finalists will be asked to play a short musical selection and prepare a sample lesson for observation.

BRAVO serves a diverse population of students, and this is reflected in our current staff.

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