



ORGANIZATION: The Sioux City Symphony Orchestra Association www.siouxcitysymphony.org

JOB TITLE: Teaching Artist (Strings/Suzuki)

DATE POSTED: March 2023

STATUS: Full-time, Salaried Position

START DATE: September 2023

SCSO Mission Statement: The Sioux City Symphony Orchestra is committed to changing lives through musical excellence for the diverse communities we serve and beyond through innovative performances, educational programs, and culturally inclusive outreach.

About This Position

The Sioux City Symphony Orchestra (SCSO) is a non-profit 501(c)3 seeking to hire a Strings Teaching Artist to support beginning and intermediate students throughout the Siouxland area and to teach private/group lessons to beginning and intermediate students. The SCSO Teaching Artist will build musical skills, teach fundamentals, encourage student creativity, mentor, and build community among students and families. The Teaching Artist will create exciting and creative opportunities that support the SCSO's education and outreach initiatives across the region.

The ideal SCSO Teaching Artist is an expert on their instrument, has Suzuki Accreditation, has experience working with large groups of students (both beginners and advanced), has experience in classroom management, and can communicate effectively with students, parents, and teachers as well as the Sioux City Symphony staff. The Teaching Artist will also direct/conduct the beginning strings ensemble of the Sioux City Symphony Youth Orchestra weekly.

For more information on the Sioux City Symphony Orchestra's creative programming and exciting education/community outreach initiatives, visit www.siouxcitysymphony.org

Position Responsibilities

- Build and recruit for a community-wide Suzuki Strings Program and continue those recruitment efforts throughout the year
- Provide weekly private lessons for students aged four years and up
- Teach group classes
- Work with area string teachers to benefit the Suzuki Strings Program and serve as a resource for public school string teachers
- Facilitate recitals and community-wide outreach programs along with leading/assisting with potential chamber music/summer music camp events
- Act as a liaison between the SCSO and the surrounding school districts to promote music education and provide artistic support and guidance for local music educators within the district
- Director/Conductor role of the beginning strings orchestra Sioux City Symphony Youth Orchestra
- Regular member of the strings section of the Sioux City Symphony Orchestra
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications

- Minimum of Bachelor's Degree in Music with teaching experience
- Minimum of two years of teaching experience and Suzuki Association of America registered/certified training through book four and current member of Suzuki Association of America
- Strong musical expertise on at least one string instrument
- Strong knowledge of standard music pedagogy (Suzuki and one of the following: Kodály, Orff, or Solfège etc.) is preferred
- Must be comfortable teaching children ages four years and up
- Considerable experience teaching beginner to intermediate level students (low and high strings preferred) in a group setting and the ability to be flexible and creative in the classroom
- Conducting experience is preferred
- Capable of acting as a resource to local educators/classroom teachers to help spark new and innovative ways to inspire/motivate students in the classroom
- Must be a team player who is self-motivated, kind, and enthusiastic about music education
- Must be an excellent communicator with students and parents alike
- Reliable transportation/willingness to travel to multiple surrounding communities
- Competency in working with and through technology/familiarity with Google applications (i.e. Google Calendar, Google Docs, Google Sheets, Google Drive)
- Applicants must be legally authorized to work in the United States
- Applicants must have a driver's license and access to a vehicle
- Willingness to work a non-traditional schedule

Salary

Competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Health benefits are available for full-time employees, and the SCSO pays 80% of the employee's health insurance premium.

Application Materials

- One-page cover letter highlighting the applicant's teaching experience, including Suzuki training, program recruitment experience, conducting experience, and performance experience on your chosen instrument
- Resume
- Teaching Samples
 - A video/audio clip of five to fifteen minutes of teaching
 - A written lesson plan for a group strings class
- Solo and Orchestral Excerpts
 - Video/Audio of one solo work (exposition of a standard concerto, Bach suite excerpt, etc.)
 - Video/Audio of three to five standard orchestral excerpts
- Names and contact information of three professional references

Applications

Applicants for the position of Teaching Artist will submit all of the above materials to the email address found below. Electronic submissions are requested. All applications will be confidential, and references will only be contacted with the candidate's knowledge.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Please send application materials to:

EmploymentSCSO@gmail.com

*Please, no phone calls at this time.

The Sioux City Symphony Orchestra is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, veteran status, or genetic information.

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