East End Arts
“NEW HORIZONS BAND”
BAND DIRECTOR
Part Time

JOB DESCRIPTION

East End Arts is now hosting The New Horizons Band program. This program provides adults ages “50 or better” who have little or no instrumental experience with the opportunity to play concert band music with others. Founded 25 years ago by Prof. Roy Ernst, Chair of the Music Education Department at Eastman School of Music, New Horizons Bands have grown to over 215 groups, more than 9000 participants across the world on three continents and sponsor numerous summer band camps in North America.

The first of its kind on the East End of Long Island is forming and in the planning stages. New Horizons is also the subject of a new documentary film “Music For Life: The Story of New Horizons” airing on PBS stations nationwide. The founding member of this new band has participated in the program at Third Street Music School Settlement in Lower Manhattan for the past 8 years and resides permanently in Westhampton Beach. See: newhorizonsmusic.org

The position of Music Director requires an experienced instrumental teacher and band conductor with a philosophical commitment to the New Horizons concept. A sincere interest in serving others, patience and a good sense of humor are essential. The leader should be comfortable including beginning adult students in the performing ensemble, people who love to play but make mistakes, as well as people who play instruments that might add to sections that are already too large. All of this is not to say that teaching senior adults is incompatible with very good and satisfying levels of performance as evidenced by the success and growth of New Horizons over 25 years.

The startup program will meet one morning a week (Wednesday) for three hours, from 9:00am to 12:00pm throughout the academic year, flexibly defined by the host organization, music director and committed participants. Typically, the director gives group ensemble lessons to one section (brass/wind) the first hour, followed by a full band lesson and rehearsal for the second hour and ends with the remainder ensemble group lesson (wind/brass) for the final hour. The group will locate in Peconic. The stipend is $1,000 for the 15 week semester (Feb.-June). Imagine, no administrative responsibilities and no competitions, just the joy of making music together for life. This is a dream job for the right person!

Deadline for application is Monday, November 30th.

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