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Intro to BSW Teaching Artist Job Description

September 7th, 2021-June 8th, 2022

Title: Intro to BSW Teaching Artist

Reports to: Director of Education

Start date: September 7th, 2021

Hours: Up to 9 hours/week

Pay Rate: \$30/hour

Review process: The Intro to BSW Teaching Artist will participate in an in-depth annual review with the Director of Education.

Buffalo String Works' Mission

Buffalo String Works strives to foster vibrant, inclusive communities through the transformative power of music. We provide rigorous music instruction and a creative home for refugee and immigrant children displaced from all over the world.

Our classes encourage a sense of community and possibility. For our students especially, the universal language of music can be a lifeline. We aim to cultivate a positive space that supports their development into curious, confident, committed individuals who make a difference in their new home: exceptional musicians who are also exceptional citizens. We are also a training ground for young artists and teachers. For those working with our students, we seek to provide a transformative experience that inspires a lifelong commitment to inclusive community-building through pedagogy and music. Through our programming, which also includes introducing acclaimed artists to underserved neighborhoods where they are rarely seen, Buffalo String Works transcends borders and bridges opportunity gaps between our students and their adopted city.

Responsibilities

- Teach general musicianship and pre-instrument music classes in semi-private and group lesson settings.
- Participation in monthly faculty meetings and professional development workshops.

- Participation in up to 2 concerts per semester, including playing/assisting/planning etc as needed.
- Encourage learning in a positive environment that builds students' self-esteem and confidence
- Participate in ongoing Professional Development workshops pertaining to pedagogy, cultural humility, and other related topics
- Communicate and build rapport with parents and students in the class

Minimum Qualifications (Education, Experience, Skills)

- 4-year degree in Music or Fine Arts with specialization in stringed instruments and/or General Music.
- 5 years General Music teaching experience in high level, professional settings (general classroom, formal private lessons, and/or collegiate) - **group class teaching experience preferred.**
- Ability to be a strong role model for youth during all working hours.
- Strong commitment to the ideals and mission of El Sistema and Buffalo String Works.
- Ability to communicate and work with multiple constituencies, diverse personalities, and populations.
- Demonstrated experience working with underserved communities and marginalized populations.
- Experience working in community settings with a track record of achieving shared goals and successful program execution with multiple stakeholders and agendas.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills with demonstrated ability to effectively facilitate meetings, present publicly, and provide professional written information utilizing various media
- **Ability to work well on a team and in a high-pressure, multi-tasking environment**
- Strong desktop computer skills (business professional level) and excellent time management and organizational skills
- Must pass background check

To apply: Please send a current resume and a short paragraph outlining your teaching philosophy to Andrew Borkowski: andrew@buffalostringworks.org

Buffalo String Works is an equal opportunity employer

We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.