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EAST BAY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Position: Elementary Music Teaching Artist

Reports to: Director of School Partnerships

About East Bay Center for the Performing Arts

East Bay Center for the Performing Arts (The Center) was founded in Richmond immediately after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968 as a response to the unrest, anger, frustration, and need for change. Today our foundational values remain rooted in civil rights, equity, and justice.

The Center has a deep history of serving Richmond youth with music, theater, and dance training, new artistic work, and community gatherings that are reflective of the richness and diversity of the local population. Last year, the Center served approximately 3,000 youth in 13 schools. The Center's staff consists of 25 administrative staff and 70 – 75 faculty. They are passionate and committed to the values and established goals, and they have a deep understanding of the cultural assets that are present in the community.

Position Summary

East Bay Center for the Performing Arts is currently seeking enthusiastic, skilled, and creative music teachers to join the School Partnerships faculty for the 2022-2023 academic year. The Center partners with the West Contra Costa Unified School District to serve under-resourced elementary schools in Richmond by bringing music education into classrooms where it otherwise would not exist.

We aim to provide music programs that incorporate developmentally-appropriate instruction around singing, rhythm, beat, tempo, movement, improvisation, and the playing of pitched and unpitched percussion instruments. We encourage and support teaching artists to incorporate global and local music into their teaching to connect students to their community and the world. Our music teaching artists possess expertise in a particular area, instrument, or style of music, and are committed to offering high-quality, trauma-informed arts education. Ideal candidates are musicians who have a strong teaching background, are passionate about working in under-resourced schools, enjoy working with both large groups of students, have strong classroom management skills, and are patient, dynamic, flexible, independent, and punctual.

Start Date: September 2022

Schedule: 2 days per week*

**Classes occur during the school day, beginning as early as 8:15am and lasting no later than 3pm. Hours and days of teaching are contingent upon the school schedule. Last year these classes took place on Tuesday & Wednesday.*

Compensation: \$45/hr for teaching; \$20/hr for prep

Duties and Responsibilities Include:

- Develop engaging curriculum and units of study that cover age-appropriate material
- Participate as an active member of the school community to improve school climate
- Maintain a high-level of professionalism including timeliness, preparedness, dedication, and maintaining commitments to students, school, self, and the community
- Arrive at least 15 minutes before the first scheduled class
- Work resourcefully and independently
- Confer with teachers and school leaders to aid in the development of robust, appropriate, educational programming
- Plan and facilitate 2 musical performances (one per semester) at each school site, and other arts-based community engagement events
- Participate in professional development activities (led by the School Partnerships team), evaluation, and program development
- Document curriculum and lesson plans
- Meet regularly with Center Director of School Partnerships and Center staff to review goals and progress
- Maintain regular communication with classroom teachers and school administration, including coordinating concerts and communicating needs and challenges

Planning, Policies and Procedures:

- Approve and submit timesheets and attendance on Paycom timely and as scheduled
- Comply with all Center policies regarding Harassment and Discrimination training, Child Abuse reporting requirements, and Public Health requirements.
- Keep the classrooms tidy and replace chairs, tables, music stands, etc., to their original positions prior to class.

Requirements:

- 2+ years of experience working with elementary students and developing music curriculum for such grade levels
- Passion for music and high-level proficiency singing, playing guitar, keyboard/piano, percussion, or another instrument
- Experience working in under-resourced communities with socio-economic, racial, and culturally diverse classroom settings
- Ability to effectively manage groups of 20+ students
- Experience coordinating music assemblies and performances
- A demonstrated ability to work with children in a caring and respectful manner in order to create a joyful, caring classroom environment
- Belief that all students can express themselves artistically and achieve at high levels
- All East Bay Center employees must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19
- Must attend mandatory Paycom training

If interested, please send a resume, cover letter, and at least three (3) references to Bryan Alvarez, Director of School Partnerships: bryan.alvarez@eastbaycenter.org