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EAST BAY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Position: Elementary Music Teaching Artist

Reports to: Director of School Partnerships

Position Summary: East Bay Center for the Performing Arts is currently seeking enthusiastic, skilled and creative music teachers to join the School Partnerships team of In-School faculty for the 2020-2021 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 are currently planning for all classes to be taught in person.

We aim to provide music programs that incorporate developmentally-appropriate instruction around singing, rhythm, beat, tempo, movement, improvisation and the playing of pitched and non-pitched 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, social-emotionally oriented arts education. Ideal candidates are musicians who have a strong teaching background, are passionate about working in under-resourced schools, enjoy working with large groups of students, have strong classroom management skills, and are patient, dynamic, flexible, independent, and punctual.

Start Date: August or September 2021

Schedule: 1-3 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.*

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

Responsibilities:

- 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 their 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, as well as other arts-based community engagement events
- Participate in professional development activities (led by the School Partnerships team), evaluation, and program development
- Document curriculum and submit weekly 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

Requirements:

The ideal music teaching artist will have:

- A Bachelor's degree; teaching credential or Master's a plus but not necessary
- 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 large groups of students
- Experience coordinating music assemblies and performances
- An exhibited ability to work with children in a caring and respectful manner in order to create a joyful, caring classroom environment
- Fluency in Spanish a plus, but not necessary
- Maturity, humility, strong work ethic, sense of humor, collaborative nature, and a can-do attitude
- Belief that all students can express themselves artistically and achieve at high levels

If interested, please send a resume and cover letter to Andrea Landin, Director of School Partnerships: andrea.landin@eastbaycenter.org.