



# San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory

"Tomorrow's Leaders Are Performing With Us Today."

## Community Strings Instructor

San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory is the 6<sup>th</sup> oldest youth orchestra program in the United States, serving over 500 students between the ages of 8 and 25. Weekly rehearsals for these talented, young aspiring musicians are held in Balboa Park. Concerts are performed at Copley Symphony Hall, California Center for the Arts, Escondido and other venues throughout San Diego County. The International Youth Symphony in the summer combines the talents of international musicians with San Diego musicians. Many other partnerships are in place with local arts organizations.

SDYS has recently created a long term strategic plan to develop community music education programs and support for school based music education, inspired by the El Sistema model of Venezuela. The vision of SDYS is to create, implement and be a catalyst for new music education programs in all socioeconomic areas of San Diego County.

The Community Strings Instructor is responsible for creating a dynamic and innovative string instrument instruction program for elementary school students. The Instructor is responsible for encouraging the personal and character development of the students and involving the students and their families in a collaborative music making environment.

Other responsibilities of the instructor include:

- recruit students for the programs and audition students for seating
- create interactive learning and performance activities
- conduct all rehearsals and performances in the community
- select and recommend materials for the program including books and instruments
- work with administrative staff on scheduling and communication with families
- recommend program expansion to the Education and Community Program Manager

Candidates should have a Bachelors Degree in String Education or equivalent experience with a focus on elementary, beginning level, strings instruction. Classroom and teaching experience desired. Conducting experience is preferred. Candidates must have Spanish language skills. This Instructor position is part time averaging 10 hours per week in the afternoons and is seasonal from late August through early June.

Please email a cover letter and resume to: Sheila Walker, Business Manager [swalker@sdys.org](mailto:swalker@sdys.org)