



Job Opening: **Community Teaching Artist (Early Childhood)**
Reports to: Community Partnership Manager
Employment Status: Part-time, non-exempt

About This Position:

The Teaching Artists for SDYS' early childhood music will teach small groups of our Baby and Me Music classes for children 0-4 years old and their caregivers, as well as teach early childhood music to small groups of preschools at contracted sites. Our team begins to build musical skills, creativity, movement, and social-emotional skills for young children. They also build attachment and healthy parenting skills between children and caregivers. All SDYS Teaching Artists serve as mentors and role models, while building a place and sense of community. We do not hire Teaching Artists just to teach music.

Artistic Responsibilities:

- Teach and lead Baby and Me Music classes and preschool music classes.
- Implement, teach, and develop appropriate pedagogy aligned with SDYS' early childhood curriculum while pacing classes to meet student needs.
- Inspire those in the classes to incorporate music into their everyday lives.
- Create a consistent, positive environment with procedures and expectations.

Administrative Responsibilities:

- Go through proper protocol for fingerprinting at the various contracted schools and locations.
- Arrive on time and prepared. Traveling to various sites is required.
- Learn and use the first names of your students and their families.
- Actively communicate with preschool staff and teachers.

Citizenship Responsibilities:

- Keep the "Artist" in the title "Teaching Artist" by maintaining and growing your own personal performance skills and taking advantage of performance opportunities.
- Foster student involvement, participation, or attendance at different musical performances or opportunities.

Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Strong musical skills on an instrument and vocally.
- Culturally sensitive.
- Flexibility and problem solving skills for situations that change.
- Familiarity and expertise of child developmental stages.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience teaching early childhood music, preferably in a group setting with caregivers.
- Bilingual (Spanish)

A Few Benefits of Being on the SDYS Team:

- Collaboration with other Teaching Artists and local musicians
- Professional development opportunities
- Free admission to Balboa Park museums (including the San Diego Zoo) per the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership
- Opportunities for potential additional work within the SDYS organization

Hours of Employment:

Vary, based on position. Hours may include:

- Mondays, 9:00am-11:00am in Tierrasanta
- Wednesdays or Thursday 9:00-noon in North Coastal area
- Fridays, 10:15am-12:15pm in Balboa Park
- Saturdays, 9:15-11:00am in City Heights
- Additional time yet contracted (but more than likely in the mornings and/or during school times).

Does this sound like you? If so, we'd love to meet you. Email your resume and a thoughtful cover letter to hr@sdys.org.

About the San Diego Youth Symphony and Early Childhood Music:

The San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory (SDYS)'s mission is to instill excellence in the musical and personal development of students through rigorous and inspiring musical training experiences. We do this through both our traditional youth symphony programming (Conservatory Programs) and our neighborhood-centered programming (Community Programs). We know firsthand that education, social, community, and personal transformations happen when music is taught collaboratively and with excellence. We are adding more of that to the world.

SDYS' vision is that music education is accessible and affordable for all youth in San Diego. In 2016, SDYS began to teach early childhood music because we knew that reaching families with young children would open opportunities for personal and communal development and growth. The program is young but has a solid foundation of participants, interest from outside partners, and internal support. The right candidate for this position will have passion and drive to help SDYS grow the program to new heights.