



## **ESYO'S CHIME TEACHING ARTISTS: Percussion Teacher**

### **Percussion Teaching Artist Summary:**

ESYO'S CHIME is an intensive music education program for students in the Capital Region of New York run by the Empire State Youth Orchestras. It is inspired by El Sistema, a "social justice first" program that uses the model of an orchestra to foster a sense of community and to cultivate self-worth. ESYO's CHIME seeks to provide underserved children access to high quality musical instruction and to engage them in rich ensemble experiences. The Teaching Artist will work to inspire and motivate children to participate to their fullest potential. Experience in conducting, teaching band instruments with a special focus on orchestral percussion for beginner students, and a belief in music as a vehicle for social change is a must.

### **Percussion Teaching Artist Job Overview:**

**Commitment:** 2:00pm-5:30pm Monday-Friday; additional professional development hours will vary

**Location:** Yates Magnet Elementary School/Proctors Theatre, Schenectady, NY

**Reports to:** ESYO's CHIME Program Director

**Start Date:** September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Employment Type:** Part-Time

### **Job Expectations:**

- Embrace a flexible working environment to deliver a reactive program that is constantly developing to meet the needs of the children and greater community.
- Co-create curriculum and repertoire for ensembles, sectionals, and individual children.
- Undertake ongoing training that may cover music pedagogy and learning styles, child development, child protection, working with challenging behavior, shadowing of different roles within the community including teachers, social workers, community workers, etc.
- Assist with the development and implementation of systems and procedures for monitoring and evaluating the music program and individual children.
- Cooperate with and support any recording, filming, and documenting of the program.
- Work collaboratively with ESYO'S CHIME Director to ensure a safe, fun, and positive learning experience for all students.

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree required, Master's degree preferred with strong knowledge of band repertoire, curriculum, and pedagogy.
- Strong classroom management skills and experience teaching percussion.
- Excellent musicianship and artistry both as a percussion performer and teacher.
- Ability to arrange repertoire for mixed level/mixed instrument ensemble.
- Ability to work with diverse personalities and populations and to teach in mixed instrumental groups with students of different musical levels.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work effectively with a wide range of constituencies in a diverse community.
- Full Driving License and use of own transport is essential.

**How to Apply:**

Empire State Youth Orchestras is an equal opportunity employer and a drug free workplace. Please send a cover letter, resume, and three professional references to John Connolly, CHIME Program Director, [jconnolly@esy.org](mailto:jconnolly@esy.org) with the position and your first initial and last name in the subject line.