



## **ESYO CHIME TEACHING ARTIST: Instrumental Teaching Artists (Woodwind experience preferred)**

### **Teaching Artist Summary**

CHIME (Creating Harmony Inspiring Musical Excellence) is the Empire State Youth Orchestra's instrumental music education program that operates in coordination with the Schenectady, Troy, and Albany City School Districts. The CHIME program places children on a path to musical excellence and cultivates skills needed to succeed in all areas of life, including collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. While instrumental education offerings, grade levels served, and hours vary by location, the conviction that pursuing musical excellence is transformational, and that such an endeavor should be available to all, is central to CHIME. The Teaching Artist will work to inspire and motivate children to participate to their fullest potential. Experience in conducting, teaching band instruments, and a belief in music as a vehicle for social change is a must; a strong background in woodwinds is preferred.

### **Instrumental Teaching Artists Overview (Two Positions Beginning in Fall 2021)**

**Commitment:** Varies by Teaching Artist instrument specialties, CHIME runs between 2:00-5:30 pm, Monday-Friday; Schedule is very flexible dependent on candidate's availability; additional professional development hours throughout the season;

**Location:** Van Corlaer Elementary School OR Proctors Theatre (Schenectady, NY)

**Reports to:** ESYO CHIME Administrative Director

**Employment Type:** Part-Time (Flexible, min 3 hours per week, max 18 hours per week)

### **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, positive youth 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 the CHIME team to ensure a safe, fun, and positive learning experience for all students.

### **Qualifications**

- Bachelor's degree in music preferred, with knowledge of band ensemble repertoire, curriculum and pedagogy.
- Classroom management skills and experience teaching band and/or private lessons.
- Strong abilities experience on flute, oboe, or clarinet preferred.
- Excellent musicianship and artistry both as a 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.

### **How to Apply**

Empire State Youth Orchestra is an equal opportunity employer and a drug free workplace. Please send a cover letter and resume to Jared Shortmeier, CHIME Administrative Director, [jshortmeier@esy.org](mailto:jshortmeier@esy.org) with the position and your first initial and last name in the subject line. For those curious about the work we do, but not ready to apply, please reach out to Jared with your questions to learn more about CHIME.