



ESYO CHIME TEACHING ARTIST: Percussion Teacher

Percussion Teaching Artist Summary:

ESYO CHIME is an intensive music education program for students in the Capital Region of New York run by the Empire State Youth Orchestra. 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 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: 2:00-5:00 Monday-Friday; additional professional development hours will vary

Location: Van Corlaer Elementary School, Schenectady, NY

Reports to: ESYO CHIME Administrative Director and CHIME Conductor

Start Date: Until Filled

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 Conductor and Administrative 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.

How to Apply

Empire State Youth Orchestra is an equal opportunity employer and a drug free workplace. Please send a cover letter, resume, and three professional references to Jared Shortmeier, CHIME Administrative Director, jshortmeier@esy.org with the position and your first initial and last name in the subject line.