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## **Teaching Artist SEATTLE YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA SYSO in the Schools (SITS)**

### **Job Description:**

Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra seeks a part-time Teaching Artist specializing in strings (ability to teach and support cello and bass necessary) to support SYSO in the Schools (SITS) programming. Through SITS, SYSO is dedicated to providing an authentic, culturally-responsive, and holistic musical education focused on life skills, community, and the celebration of diversity. Through partnerships with Seattle Public Schools and Highline Schools District, and in collaboration with community organizations and stakeholders, SYSO addresses issues of educational inequity by providing in-school and after-school support for students and teachers in historically-underserved neighborhoods. In addition to in-classroom support, SYSO offers two free after-school programs (Cadenza After School Orchestra Club and Music Youth Southeast). This position will work in close collaboration with other Teaching Artists and the School and Community Partnerships Manager to support and implement all programs.

Supervisor: Music Director, School and Community Partnerships Manager  
Hours: ~12 hours per week, September through early June  
Compensation: \$20,500 per annum paid as a monthly stipend

### **PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Support the implementation of SITS programming:

- **Musical Pathways Project** at Aki Kurose Middle School, Cleveland High School, South Shore K-8, and Rainier Beach High School. The Teaching Artist will attend 1 to 2 weekly classes at each site and support, plan, and engage with students and teachers. While this program's services are flexible by design, duties can include private and group instruction, sectionals, co-teaching concepts, lesson planning and repertoire recommendation, fingering/bowing suggestions, supplemental technique lessons for students and classroom teacher, and school site concert attendance and support.
- **Cadenza After School Orchestra Club:** Collaborate with the Teaching Artist team to plan lessons and provide single weekly classes offered to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra students in the Southeast Region. As an extension to in-school lessons, Cadenza provides an extra opportunity for experience and instruction for students. Teaching Artists will develop and implement lesson plans, support students' individual musical growth, and help cultivate a community atmosphere where peer support and friendships can develop and continue through the musicians' school careers and beyond.
- **MY Southeast:** Collaborate with MY Southeast Conductor Kim Roy and Teaching Artist team to plan and provide once-weekly rehearsal and instruction to 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>-



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grade string students. MY Southeast prioritizes process over performance by creating a welcoming and safe space that encourages conversation and exploration. MY Southeast is centered around the idea of “Playing-it-Forward,” encouraging musicians to use their musical gifts and knowledge to give back to the Southeast Seattle community. Through channeling students’ knowledge, creative currencies, and experiences, we use our powers as individuals and a collective musical force to enrich our community. Duties to include rehearsal set up and tear down, leading sectionals, collaborating on repertoire selection, and coaching during rehearsals.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Bachelor’s degree or commensurate professional experience
- Background in string pedagogy
- Ability and willingness to teach in a collaborative setting
- Demonstrate expertise working with school age students
- Ability to teach, inspire, and create a joyful learning experience
- Experience working in diverse and multilingual communities desired.

### **IMPORTANT DATES for the 2022-2023 school year:**

- MPP: In-school support begins September 12, 2022 and continues through early June 2023. Exact class times will become available late August/early September.
- Cadenza: Begins October 2022 and runs through the end of May 2023, Wednesdays 2:15-4:15
- MY Southeast: September 21st through early June 2023, Wednesdays 4:15-6:45

### **APPLICANTS:**

People of Color, Women, People with Disabilities, and LGBTQIA+ people are strongly urged to apply.

Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra is an equal opportunity employer. SYSO is committed to providing an inclusive environment of mutual respect where equal employment opportunities are available to all applicants and teammates without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, marital status, political affiliation, amnesty, or status as a covered veteran, in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws. SYSO believes that diversity and inclusion are critical to our success as an arts and educational organization.

Please send a cover letter and resume to [daniel.mullikin@syso.org](mailto:daniel.mullikin@syso.org) with “SITS Teaching Artist” in the subject line. In your cover letter, please tell us how your specific experiences, accomplishments, and skillsets match our needs and mission. We will contact qualified



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applicants. No phone calls, please. Applications must be received by August 20, 2022 to be considered.