



DES MOINES SYMPHONY

# ACADEMY

## BEGINNING STRINGS PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

**Position Title:** Beginning Strings Program Instructor

**Reports to:** Symphony Academy Managing Director

**Supervises:** n/a

### **Position Summary**

The Des Moines Symphony Academy is seeking a string education specialist to join our Beginning Strings Program faculty.

### **Position Duties and Responsibilities**

- Carry out curriculum designed by the Symphony Academy and lead weekly classes of 3-4 young musicians per class. Evening availability is required for this position, with classes beginning as early as 3:00pm.
- Establish and maintain a working class schedule accommodating students enrolled in pre-school programs.
- Work with Symphony Academy Managing Director to continually nurture the growth and improvement of the program.
- Meet regularly with Managing Director and other BSP Instructors to discuss the direction and development of the program.
- Attend promotional/recruitment community events as needed.

### **Ideal Candidate Will Have/Be**

- Music education professional who is a violinist, violist and/or cellist. A degree in music is mandatory with music education preferred.
- Ability to start young students on violin, viola and cello.
- Knowledge and experience with the Suzuki method of string instruction. Formal Suzuki training is not a pre-requisite for this position.

- Ability to successfully promote themselves and our Beginning Strings Program, including effectively communicating the value of starting instruction on a string instrument at our targeted age.

Any interested candidate will be highly encouraged to take an audition for the Des Moines Symphony Orchestra's auditioned extras list. All candidate finalists will be asked to perform for the Des Moines Symphony Academy and teach a sample class.

### **Compensation**

\$33.15 per 45 minute class (9 total classes per semester)

### **ABOUT OUR BEGINNING STRINGS PROGRAM**

The Des Moines Symphony Academy's Beginning Strings Program is designed to provide young, aspiring musicians ages 4 and 5 years old with their first instructional experience on a violin, viola or cello. Classes will be small-group format, allowing for a combination of both individual and ensemble attention and practice.

Students graduating from our Beginning Strings Program will be able to join the private string studios of Des Moines Symphony Academy faculty and participate in our Youth Orchestras Program.

Beginning Strings Program classes will be held at The Temple for Performing Arts, with both morning and afternoon classes available for children enrolled in either morning or afternoon pre-school programs in addition to evening class offerings at locations throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Please submit a cover letter and résumé to:

Joshua Barlage  
Managing Director  
Des Moines Symphony Academy  
The Temple for Performing Arts  
1011 Locust Street, Suite 400  
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Or via email to: [joshua@dmsymphony.org](mailto:joshua@dmsymphony.org)

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Applicant screening process to begin immediately.

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