



DES MOINES SYMPHONY  
**ACADEMY**

**GROUP LESSONS FOR YOUNG BEGINNERS INSTRUCTOR  
JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Position Title:** Group Lessons for Young Beginners Instructor

**Reports to:** Group Lessons for Young Beginners Program Coordinator

**Supervises:** n/a

**Position Summary**

The Des Moines Symphony Academy is seeking a piano education specialist to join our Group Lessons for Young Beginners faculty.

**Position Duties and Responsibilities**

- Work with Symphony Academy Group Lessons for Young Beginners Program Coordinator to continually nurture the growth and improvement of the program.
- Establish and maintain a working class schedule accommodating students enrolled in pre-school programs.
- Carry out curriculum designed by the Program Coordinator and lead weekly classes of 2-4 young musicians per class. Evening availability is required for this position, with classes beginning as early as 3:00pm.
- Meet regularly with the Program Coordinator to discuss the direction and development of the program.
- Attend promotional/recruitment community events with Program Coordinator as needed.

**Ideal Candidate Will Have/Be**

- Music education professional who is a pianist. A degree in music is mandatory with music education preferred.
- Ability to start young students on piano.
- Ability to successfully promote themselves and our Group Lessons for Young Beginners program, including effectively communicating the value of starting musical instruction at our targeted age.

All candidate finalists will be asked to interview with the Des Moines Symphony Academy and teach a sample class.

**Compensation**

\$32.50 per 45 minute class (9 total classes per semester)

**ABOUT OUR GROUP LESSONS FOR YOUNG BEGINNERS PROGRAM**

The Des Moines Symphony Academy's Group Lessons for Young Beginners is designed to provide young, aspiring musicians ages 3 to 7 years old with their first music instructional experience. Classes will be small-group format, allowing for a combination of both individual and ensemble attention and practice.

Students graduating from our Group Lessons for Young Beginners program will be able to join the private piano studios of Des Moines Symphony Academy faculty.

Group Lessons for the Young Beginner classes will be held at The Temple for Performing Arts, with morning, afternoon and evening classes available for children.

**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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