



DES MOINES SYMPHONY
ACADEMY

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

Position Title: Group Lessons for Young Beginners Program Instructor

Reports to: Symphony Academy Managing Director

Supervises: n/a

Position Summary

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

Position Duties and Responsibilities

- Lead weekly classes of 3-4 young musicians per class using in-house curriculum. 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 fellow Group Lessons Teachers to continually nurture the growth and improvement of the program.

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 Group Lessons for Young Beginners teaching staff and teach a sample class.

Compensation

\$34.48 per 45 minute class (9 total classes per semester)

ABOUT OUR GROUP LESSONS FOR YOUNG BEGINNERS PROGRAM

Designed for students ages 3-6 years old, the Des Moines Symphony Academy's pre-piano class curriculum will enrich children's knowledge and skills for a lifelong appreciation of music. During each of our weekly 45-minute classes students will learn musical fundamentals through discovery-based activities within a nurturing, exploratory environment. These fundamentals include reading musical notation, singing and moving to music, ensemble playing, improvisation, ear training and the mechanics of piano technique.

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 are 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
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Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Or via email to: joshua@dmsymphony.org

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

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