



FACULTY TEACHING POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Title: Group Lessons for Young Beginners Program Instructor

Reports to: Symphony Academy Managing Director

The Des Moines Symphony Academy, founded in 2003, has been providing the very best music education experiences for musicians of all ages. The Symphony Academy's facility, **The Temple for Performing Arts** comprises eight teaching studios, including a group keyboard studio, chamber music studio and two beautiful performance halls. The Temple is the home of the Des Moines Symphony Youth Orchestras, Administrative Offices and the Des Moines Symphony Orchestra's extensive music library.

Position Summary

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

Position Duties and Responsibilities

- Lead forty-five minute classes of up to four beginning piano students, which includes presenting lesson information, facilitating games and activities, creating and maintaining a positive classroom dynamic and building a strong rapport with students and their parents.
- Prepare lessons for classes based on the in-house curriculum designed by the Symphony Academy. Every class presents a unique learning environment and the Instructor must be confident making changes and enhancements to ensure that various learning styles are well served.
- Meet regularly (twice per semester) with Symphony Academy Managing Director and fellow Instructors to discuss the direction and development of the program.
- Attend Symphony Academy sponsored promotional/recruitment events as needed.

Benefits of Teaching at the Symphony Academy

- Instructors get to focus on teaching. The Symphony Academy Administration handles marketing, registration, class scheduling and tuition collection.
- Collaborate with a Faculty of creative and well-regarded Teaching Professionals and participate in on-going teacher training and support provided by the Symphony Academy.
- Instructors are provided age appropriate curriculum materials, lesson plans and activities.
- Symphony Academy Keyboard Studio space is clean, well equipped and inviting for young learners.

Ideal Candidate Will Have/Be

- Music education professional who has studied piano. A degree in music is mandatory with music education coursework preferred.
- Have the experience and/or desire to start children as young as three years old on piano in small groups. We believe that the components of small group learning environments such as peer interaction, varied activities, measurable achievements and performance opportunities, establish and maintain the enthusiasm and discipline students need to achieve musical fluency.
- Ability to promote our Group Lessons for Young Beginners Program's mission, including the value and educational benefits to children of starting musical instruction at a young age and providing the needed fundamentals for lifelong musicianship.

All candidate finalists will be asked to interview with the Group Lessons for Young Beginners Faculty and teach a sample lesson.

Compensation (2018-2019 School Year)

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

ABOUT GROUP LESSONS FOR YOUNG BEGINNERS

The Des Moines Symphony Academy's Group Lessons for Young Beginners Program provides young, aspiring musicians with their first instructional experience on piano.

Classes are offered in four semesters yearly—Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer. Each 9-week semester consists of weekly 45-minute classes of up to four students per class and students may join at the start of any semester. 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.

The Symphony Academy's Young Beginners Program is designed for students to enter at age three and continue on until they are prepared to begin private lessons at the Symphony Academy. When they transition into private lessons, they will possess all of the skills necessary to move forward with productive weekly private lessons.

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

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

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