



JOB DESCRIPTION

Teaching Artist

Active: Late August through early June

Hourly Expectations: Monday - Thursday | 4:30 – 7:30 PM | 10-15 hours per week

Application Deadline: Resumes are reviewed on a rolling basis

Salary Range: \$40 - \$55

Position Summary

We are seeking **Teaching Artists* (TAs)** with experience teaching **percussion, woodwinds, brass, and upper and lower strings** to support a rich music curriculum focused on cultivating a caring, cooperative and fun community. TA positions are part-time non-exempt positions based in Durham. TAs are primarily responsible for group instruction, lesson plans and concert preparation for students in 3rd – 8th grade. Utilizing the philosophy of El Sistema, TAs ensure that each student receives excellent instrumental instruction and aid in the facilitation of curriculum that supports the goals and overall mission of the Kidznotes. The TA staff will report directly to the Program Director.

Primary Responsibilities Include:

- Teaching beginning, intermediate and advanced percussion, woodwinds, brass, and upper and lower strings classes (elementary – middle school) 3-4 days a week.
- Collaborating with a team of teachers as well as Kidznotes' Program Director to create the best experience for the students.
- Attending professional development sessions and monthly meetings
- Chaperone and assist with students, and/or supplement through performance at outside gigs/performances
- Participate in Nucleo concert or 'sharings' throughout the year

Kidznotes Overview

Kidznotes is a cultural catalyst that provides access to joy through music, working in partnership with public schools to honor diversity, embrace collaboration and empower excellence in the daily lives of our students. Kidznotes creates music that energizes limitless social change through a thriving, diverse network of children, families and community partners. Our core values are diversity, rigor, collaboration, empowerment and JOY. We truly believe that, with universal access, the power of music can change the world. At Kidznotes, we are JOY MACHINES!

Kidznotes Program Objectives

- To encourage children's participation in music training and to improve their musical performance abilities.

- To foster the development of children’s social behavior and values which contribute to success at school and in society.
- To support the development of children’s school readiness and academic achievement.
- To encourage children’s positive decision-making
- To promote parents’ engagement in programs and community activities.

Qualifications:

- Demonstrated excellent musicianship and artistry as a teacher/performer
- Strong commitment to social change through music as well as the mission of Kidznotes
- Experience teaching beginning, intermediate or advance instrument music lessons
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work effectively in a diverse communities
- Interest and ability to be a motivational mentor and role model for students, parents, and peers as an artist, teacher and citizen

Preferred but not required:

- Experience working with children from diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds
- Experience working in under resourced communities
- Bilingual in English and Spanish is a plus
- Strong commitment to El Sistema’s philosophy of social change through music

Kidznotes is deeply committed to anti-racism, inclusion, and equity in our programming and workplace, and to providing an environment of mutual respect where equal employment opportunities.

Kidznotes makes recruitment, employment, promotional and all other Human Resource decisions without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, genetic information, or any other class protected by state or local law. This policy applies to all aspects of employment that include but are not limited to hiring, promotion, training, transfers, job assignments, terminations, recalls, wage and salary administration, and application of all Kidznotes’ policies, procedures, and benefits.

** Kidznotes’ Core Values: Collaboration, Empowerment, Diversity, Rigor, Joy*

Please submit your cover letter and resume to the attention of Cheryl Ann Welsh, Director of Finance and Operations, to jobs@kidznotes.org.