

Beginning Strings Teacher Job Description

About MYS Beginning Strings: In keeping with MYS' mission of making music education available to musicians at all levels, the Beginning Strings Program grants students, who might not otherwise have an opportunity to learn an instrument, the resources to get started. This two-year program provides students of low-income backgrounds with an instrument and instruction with the goal of preparing them to enter our entry-level string ensemble in their third year of playing.

Classes and lessons take place weekly at three metro area locations: Bienestar de la Familia in NE Portland's Cully neighborhood, Faubion School in NE Portland, and Lincoln Street Elementary School in Hillsboro. Each student will receive one 20-minute one-on-one lesson each week (which may be either in-person or via an online tool) and one 90-minute group class after school. Classes will have a maximum enrollment of 10 students, and all students in the group will be learning the same instrument (violin, viola or cello). Instructors will work with a set of expected technical and musical benchmarks intended to prepare students to join MYS's Overture Strings at the end of their second year of instruction. Instructors will continually assess progress of individual students and consult with MYS artistic leadership regarding students who are making slower or faster progress than expected. Instructors may be asked to participate in assessment tests for prospective new students.

The teachers of Beginning Strings are dedicated musicians who enjoy working with beginning level string students (violin, viola or cello).

Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree in Music Education or Performance
- At least one year of experience working with students with no previous instrumental experience

About MYS: Metropolitan Youth Symphony serves approximately 500 students through 13 orchestra, band, jazz, string and percussion ensembles located in Portland and Hillsboro. Making music education available to musicians at all levels of experience, MYS offers theory classes, instrumental coaching, and opportunities to collaborate with performers across artistic disciplines. Each season MYS ensembles present four concerts at Portland's Centers for the Arts venues and eleven community concerts throughout the Portland/Vancouver area. With a core commitment to access, MYS provides tuition-free beginning strings classes, as well as tuition assistance, loaner instruments, and in-school concerts at low-income schools to reach over 5,000 students each season.

Interested candidates should send a resume and introductory email to jobs@playmys.org.