



Job Opening: Cello Teaching Artist

Reports to: Director of Harmony Project of Ventura County

Classification: Part-time/hourly

Start date: November 2017, exact date TBD

Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-5:35 (Middle/High School program) and/or Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:10-4:10 (Elementary program)

Compensation: \$35-50 per class, commensurate on experience

Position Summary

The Cello Teaching Artist will be an integral part of program operations and activities at Harmony Project in Ventura, CA. She/he will be responsible for planning and teaching chamber music and group cello classes as well as ensuring that classes and breaks run safely and smoothly. He or she will work collaboratively with other Teaching Artists and the Program Director in developing curriculum and pedagogy and supporting each student holistically in order to ensure the highest quality musical and personal experience for all students.

Essential Functions:

- Support the execution of a high quality, community minded, and joyful music program in keeping with the philosophy of Harmony Project
- Lead ensemble classes. Arrive in time to set up for class; aid in break down after class as needed
- Lead cello sectionals
- Work with Program Director and Coordinator to support every student as needed
- Maintain close supervision of students at all times while on site, ensuring the safety and security of all program participants
- Prepare lesson plans; help develop curriculum and help decide ensemble repertoire in conjunction with other Teaching Artists
- Participate in program events such as concerts and professional development
- Document students' attendance and progress
- Maintain a positive attitude and openness to change

- Model musical diligence and collaboration for the students. Apply this same attitude to curriculum planning and performance with other staff.

Qualifications:

- Proficiency in cello
- Excellent musicianship and artistry as an educator
- Willingness and ability to take charge in group settings, supervise children, and think on the spot
- Experience in group teaching (improvisation and diverse musical genres a plus)
- Passion for positively impacting children's lives through music
- Ability to adapt and be flexible
- Strong communication and collaboration skills; ability to work as a team
- Highly organized and punctual
- Interest and ability to be a motivational mentor and role model for students, parents, and peers as an artist, teacher, and citizen

About New West Symphony Harmony Project

New West Symphony Harmony Project is a youth development program that uses music as a tool for social transformation. The program provides afterschool ensemble based music instruction to youth in underserved neighborhoods in Ventura who would not otherwise have access to a quality music education. Through practice and performance, students improve their focus, long-term goal setting, and teamwork skills. All participants receive a full scholarship. Harmony Project commits to educating students through high school graduation. The program's mission is to:

Promote the healthy growth and development of children through the study, practice and performance of music;

Build healthier communities by investing in the positive development of children through music

Develop children as musical ambassadors of peace, hope and understanding amongst people of diverse cultures, backgrounds and beliefs.

Our Core values are:

- **Commitment**
- **Community**
- **Collaboration**
- **Respect**
- **Responsibility**
- **Integrity**
- **Sustainability**

Please send your cover letter and resume to Anne Case, Director of Harmony Project of Ventura County: acase@newwestsymphony.org