



## **Job Opening: Percussion Teaching Artist**

**Reports to:** Director of Laby Harmony Project  
of the New West Symphony

**Classification:** Non-exempt

**Start date:** July 2021, date TBD

**Hours:** During the school year, hours may Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday afternoons at Sheridan Way Elementary School and/or DeAnza Middle School (various levels of percussion classes). Additional hours during Harmony summer camps are possible

**Compensation:** Commensurate with experience

### Position Summary

The Percussion Teaching Artist will be an integral part of program operations and activities at Laby Harmony Project in Ventura, CA. They will be responsible for planning and teaching sectional percussion classes as well as ensuring that classes and breaks run safely and smoothly. They 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.

### Essential Functions:

- Support the execution of a high quality, community minded, and joyful music program in keeping with the philosophy of Laby Harmony Project
- Arrive in time to set up for class; aid in break down after class
- Teach percussion sectionals
- Teach any ensembles as needed
- Work with program leadership 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 collaborate in decision-making regarding ensemble repertoire in conjunction with other Teaching Artists as needed
- Participate in program events such as concerts, professional development, and staff meetings
- Document student attendance and progress; implement sign-out processes
- 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
- Integrate program-wide classroom strategies and routines into the classroom

### Qualifications:

- Proficiency on a percussion instrument
- 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 Laby Harmony Project of the New West Symphony

Laby Harmony Project is a program that uses music as a vehicle for youth development. The program provides afterschool ensemble-based music instruction to youth in under-resourced neighborhoods in Ventura. Through practice and performance, students grow their leadership and teamwork skills and benefit from musical opportunities. 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 Laby Harmony Project: [acase@newwestsymphony.org](mailto:acase@newwestsymphony.org)

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