Viola Teaching Artist Job Description
September 7th, 2021–June 8th 2022

Title: Viola Teaching Artist
Reports to: Director of Education
Start date: September 7th, 2021

Hours: Appx. 10 hrs/week
Pay Rate: $30/hour

Review process: The Viola Teaching Artist will participate in an in-depth annual review with the Director of Education.

Buffalo String Works’ Mission
Our mission is to deliver world class music education to diverse youth that inspires personal and community transformation. We provide rigorous music instruction and a creative home for refugee, immigrant, and historically marginalized youth. We recognize the significance of music as a universal language, and by lifting up the voices of our students and parents, we cultivate youth to be agents of social change.
Our vision: Empowering Young Musicians, Transforming Whole Communities.

Our program is offered tuition-free and currently serves 96 students. We operate during the academic school year and provide summer programming.

Responsibilities
● Implement the Viola curriculum as articulated in the BSW curriculum
● Teach appropriate pedagogy to Viola students
● Complete weekly lesson plans and class reports
● Encourage learning in a positive environment that builds students’ self-esteem and confidence
● Participate in weekly team meetings and monthly faculty meetings
● Participate in ongoing Professional Development workshops pertaining to pedagogy, cultural humility, and other related topics
● Communicate and build rapport with parents and students in the class
● Participate in up to 2 concerts per semester, playing/supervising students/planning etc.

Minimum Qualifications (Education, Experience, Skills)
● 4-year degree in Music or Fine Arts with specialization in stringed instruments, preferably Viola and/or Violin.
● 5 years strings teaching experience in high level, professional settings (general classroom, formal private lessons, and/or collegiate) - group class teaching experience preferred.
● Ability to be a strong role model for youth during all working hours.
● Strong commitment to the ideals and mission of El Sistema and Buffalo String Works.
● Ability to communicate and work with multiple constituencies, diverse personalities, and populations.
● Demonstrated experience working with underserved communities and marginalized populations
● Excellent verbal and written communication skills with demonstrated ability to effectively facilitate meetings, present publicly, and provide professional written information utilizing various media
● Ability to work well on a team and in a high-pressure, multi-tasking environment, with strong communication skills
● Strong desktop computer skills (business professional level) and excellent time management and organizational skills
● Must pass background check

To apply: Please send a current resume and a short paragraph outlining your teaching philosophy to Andrew Borkowski: andrew@buffalostringworks.org

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We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.