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Transforming Lives Through the Power of Classical Music

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WORK DESCRIPTION

- Title:** Teaching Artist (General Musicianship & Choir)
- Location:** ROCmusic at Gantt R-Center (City of Rochester Recreation Center)
ROCmusic at Edgerton R-Center (City of Rochester Recreation Center)
- Reports to:** Operations Manager & ROCmusic Director
- Hours:** Approximately 10-15 hours per week, 90 day probation period
- Pay:** Depending on Experience
- Start Date:** September 2017
- Inquiry:** Please send a resume and cover letter to:
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MISSION

ROCmusic is an *El Sistema-inspired* after-school community arts education program in downtown Rochester, NY that provides tuition-free musical instruction to over 100 at-promise youth. A partnership between the Hochstein School of Music & Dance, Eastman School of Music (University of Rochester), Eastman Community Music School, City of Rochester, Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Gateways Music Festival, and the Rochester City School District.

ROCmusic is offered at two urban recreation centers, Gantt (700 North St) and Edgerton (41 Backus St) R-Centers, offering programming five days a week to students in grades 1 through 12 for 2 hours each day. Our innovative community arts education program engages children and their families in the experience of making and appreciating classical music. The program is designed to instill a love of learning, responsibility, respect, and academic success, with the goal to positively affect social change in our students and their communities surrounding them.

Program Details – ROCmusic has 3 levels of training:

Readiness – general music, voice/choral training, and introductory/box-violin

Concertino – beginning to intermediate string instruction, with small group-lessons

Orchestra – Intermediate to Advanced mixed-group String-rehearsals, with solo lessons

POSITION SUMMARY – Teaching Artist (General Musicianship & Choir)

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Collaborate with ROCmusic faculty and staff to co-create a shared curriculum, pedagogy, and culture inspired by the ideals of *El Sistema*
- Lead general music classes grades 1-3, four days per week
- Lead group choir rehearsals divided into three age groups, once per week
- Work directly with the ROCmusic faculty and staff team to execute the artistic and educational vision outlined by the ROCmusic Director
- Attend music pedagogy and professional development sessions, as assigned by Director
- Design teaching materials including worksheets, workbooks, handouts, etc.

QUALIFICATIONS

ROCmusic values the diversity of our Teaching Artists and the varied experience that comes from performing and teaching music, desired qualifications include, but are not limited to:

- Four-year undergraduate degree in Music Education with emphasis on general or choral music, or equivalent experience preferred
- Strong commitment to *El Sistema*'s philosophy of social change through music and the mission of ROCmusic
- Self-motivated and organized
- Broad knowledge of traditional music pedagogies (Orff, Kodaly etc.), with certification preferred
- Experience teaching choir
- Experience leading and conducting ensembles
- Strong knowledge of appropriate repertoire, curriculum, & pedagogy, students grades 1-3
- Experience working with children from diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds; experience working in underserved communities
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work effectively with a wide range of constituencies in a diverse community
- Interest and ability to be a motivational mentor and role model for students, parents, and peers as an artist, teacher and citizen
- Must have independent means of transportation
- Must be able to work as a member of a team
- Willingness to work under frequent observation
- Ability to arrange music preferred (Sibelius preferred over Finale)

An Equal Opportunity Employer

It is the policy of the ROCmusic Collaborative to provide all persons with equal employment opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, disability, age or Veteran Status.