



**Merit School of Music  
Chicago, Illinois**

**Part-time Position Announcement:  
Suzuki Group Cello Instructor**

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### **Description**

Merit School of Music seeks a highly-qualified candidate for the position of Suzuki Group Cello Teacher to teach up to five hours of classes per week. Classes are held at Merit's Joy Faith Knapp Music Center and at El Valor's Guadalupe Reyes Center in the Pilsen neighborhood. This is a part-time position starting no later than **Wednesday, October 5**. The successful candidate may be considered for additional teaching opportunities in Merit's Private Lessons Program.

### **Organization Overview**

Since its founding in 1979, Merit School of Music has successfully motivated and inspired over 50,000 young people with high-quality music instruction. The School's broad-ranging comprehensive curriculum, extensive level of financial aid, sense of community and the standard of excellence set forth by the faculty and students are major components of its success.

Merit offers a multi-leveled, structured curriculum in a college preparatory environment. Programs take place at the Joy Faith Knapp Music Center in Chicago's West Loop and at nearly 30 locations in neighborhoods across the City. Instruction is offered to approximately 5,000 students of all ages, from infants to adults, and from beginners to the Juilliard-bound by over 150 accomplished faculty members.

Merit has an annual operating budget of \$6 million, of which nearly half is supported by contributed revenue.

#### Mission

Merit School of Music transforms the lives of Chicago-area youth by providing the highest quality music education – with a focus on underserved communities – inspiring young people to achieve their full musical and personal potential.

### **Reporting Relationship**

The **Group Cello Teacher** reports to the **Director of Programs, Education and Community Partnerships**.

### **Job Responsibilities**

Responsibilities of the **Group Cello Teacher** are, but are not limited to:

- Teach up to two hours of group classes each week to beginners through high intermediate level. Ages range from 4 to 13 years old depending on class level.
- Prepare students for performances two to three times per year (dependent on level)
- Follow Merit's scope and sequence of learning objectives

- Attend Merit faculty meetings and departmental meetings
- Other projects as assigned

### **Personal Skills/Attributes/Qualifications**

The ideal candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Demonstrated success teaching cello to beginners and young students
- Demonstrated success teaching in a group learning environment of up to 6 students and parents
- Ability to communicate effectively and work well with Merit staff and partnering leadership
- Punctual, professional and collegial
- Suzuki training is not required but highly desired

### **Educational Requirements**

Bachelor's degree in music education, music performance or commensurate experience

### **Schedule**

10/5/17 through 5/16/18, Wednesdays from 5:00pm – 6:55pm

### **Compensation**

\$49.00 per hour for classes held at Merit's main campus (38 S. Peoria St.)

**Interested candidates should send résumé to:**

[hr@meritmusic.org](mailto:hr@meritmusic.org)

**No phone calls or faxes please.**

For more information about Merit School of Music, please visit [www.meritmusic.org](http://www.meritmusic.org).

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