



**Merit School of Music  
Chicago, Illinois**

## **Part-time Position Announcement: Piano Instructor- Group Classes**

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### **Description**

Merit School of Music is seeking a piano instructor to join its Instrumental & Vocal Music Program conducted at the Joy Faith Knapp Music Center in Chicago's West Loop neighborhood. Classes in this program are comprised of intermediate level students in groups of no more than 6 and follow an established curriculum. Spring semester classes begin the week of February 5<sup>th</sup> and candidates should be available to teach Thursday evenings (specific schedule is listed below). Qualified candidates may be considered to teach in Merit's Private Lesson 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 through removing barriers to high-quality music education.

### **Reporting Relationship**

The **Instrumental & Vocal Music Program Piano Instructor** reports to the **Piano Program Director**.

### **Job Responsibilities**

Responsibilities of **Piano Instructor** include, but are not limited to:

- Deliver high-quality instruction to Instrumental & Vocal Music Program classes of 4 to 6 students
- Use Merit's curriculum when constructing lesson plans
- Participation in Merit faculty meetings and/or department meetings
- Timely correspondence with Merit staff and students/families
- Other projects as assigned

## Personal Skills/Attributes/Qualifications

The ideal candidate would possess the following qualifications:

- Proven success teaching piano students at various skill levels and ages in a group setting
- Strong classroom management skills
- Punctual, professional, and collegial nature
- Fantastic communication skills
- Flexible and adaptive disposition
- A high level of personal musicianship

## Educational Requirements

Bachelor's degree in music or equivalent experience/training

## Schedule

All classes take place at the Joy Faith Knapp Music Center (38 S. Peoria St., Chicago). The class schedule listed below:

Class	Start Date	End Date	Day	Time
Low Intermediate Group Piano	2/8	5/17	Thursdays	5:00-5:55 p.m.
Intermediate Group Piano	2/8	5/17	Thursdays	6:00-7:30 p.m.

## Compensation

Compensation is \$49.00 per hour.

**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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