



**Merit School of Music
Chicago, Illinois**

Part-time Position Announcement:

Cello Faculty

Description

Merit School of Music seeks an experienced and high caliber cello teacher to teach small group class and private lesson instruction Mondays – Thursdays at our Merit Music in Communities program located at Chopin Elementary (2450 W. Rice St. Chicago, IL 60622). Qualified candidates would also be considered to teach private lessons, orchestra sectionals and the Suzuki-Alegre Cello Choir within the Alice S. Pfalzer Tuition-free Conservatory Program at Merit's main campus (38 S Peoria St, Chicago, IL 60607). Instruction will begin in **September 2019**. Candidates interested in all or part of this position are encouraged to apply; please make sure to specify your interest and availability in your cover letter.

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 Cello Faculty reports to the Strings and Orchestra Program Director.

Job Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the Cello Faculty include, but are not limited to:

- Delivering high-quality instruction to students in weekly lessons or classes

- Communicating with corresponding private teachers and orchestra directors to determine individual student needs and goals
- Providing Merit staff with student recommendations for additional Merit programming
- Participation in Merit faculty meetings and/or department meetings
- Timely correspondence with Merit staff and students/families
- Work with Head of Suzuki-Alegre Strings and Program staff to plan repertoire for the Suzuki-Alegre Cello Choir
- Assist with planning and execute end of year Suzuki-Alegre performance (Stringtacular)
- Other projects as assigned

Personal Skills/Attributes/Qualifications

The ideal candidate would possess the following qualifications:

- Proven success teaching cello students at various skill levels from beginner through advanced
- Strong classroom management skills
- Ability to collaborate and work well with colleagues and administrators
- Punctual, professional, and collegial
- Flexible and adaptive disposition
- A high level of personal musicianship
- Spanish language skills a plus

Educational Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in music education or music performance required; advanced degree preferred
- Registration in Suzuki Cello books 1 - 5 required for Suzuki-Alegre Cello Choir position

Schedule

Chopin Strings Program

- Mondays – Thursdays small group classes 4:00 – 6:00pm
- Private lessons may be scheduled according to the instructor's availability before the group classes during the school day

Tuition-free Conservatory

- Saturday mornings between 10:00am – 11:35am

Private Lessons

- Private lesson schedule is TBD based on instructor's availability.

Compensation

- On-site group classes at Merit are compensated at \$49/hour
- Group classes at Chopin are compensated at \$50/hour plus mileage
- Private lessons are compensated at \$44/hour

Interested candidates should send résumé and cover letter to:

hr@meritmusic.org

No phone calls or faxes please.

For more information about Merit School of Music, please visit www.meritmusic.org.

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