



TEACHING ARTIST

We are looking for Teaching Artists with the following specialties: 'CELLO, CHORAL and VIOLIN.

While we are looking for people with the specific skills below, many of us on the YAMA team have found our roles in places we would never have guessed, which has shaped our program in exciting ways. If you are interested but have a different background than what you think we're advertising, apply, and we'll talk about the rest.

Job Title: Teaching Artist

Reports To: Garfield Site Director

Classification: Regular part-time, Non-exempt

Supervises: None

Contract: August 2019 - June 2020; weekly schedule follows District Academic Calendar (see pg. 3) for majority of year

Location: Garfield Elementary School, Yakima

Hours: weekly and monthly staff meetings (1 - 2 hrs/wk) +

Cello or Violin: 4 - 5 teaching days/week (10 - 12.5 hrs/wk)

Choral: 2 - 3 teaching days/week (5 hrs/wk)

Hourly Rate: \$20 - \$25 / hour for teaching and performing (commensurate with experience); \$15 / hour for approved administrative hours for planning and meetings

Application Dates & Process: Send application materials to stephanie@yamamusic.org no later than Monday, July 15th at 9 a.m. Pacific Time. Visit yamamusic.org/hiring for complete application instructions and process. Successful applicants will be invited for an in-person audition and interview the week of July 22 – 26. *If you are unable to travel to Yakima that week, please let us know when you send us your materials.*

Job Summaries: YAMA Teaching Artists (TAs) are responsible for on-site instruction for YAMA, an *El Sistema*-inspired after-school program in partnership with the Yakima Symphony Orchestra and the Yakima School District. TAs coach and support the development of leadership skills for our students within the context of a musical ensemble.

Cello or Violin Teaching Artist: teaches small-group, multi-level sectionals with an emphasis on musical excellence, strong technical foundation, and peer teaching and learning, within a learning culture that emphasizes that all learners can grow; provides ongoing support in large ensemble rehearsals, reinforcing the goals of the ensemble's director and fellow TAs

Choral Teaching Artist: teaches large- and small-group, multi-level lessons using the voice, with emphasis on building skills that help students "hear" pitches before they play them; collaborates with other TAs to develop and implement more ways to vocalize outside of a formal choir setting; use vocal instruction to teach music theory concepts in creative ways

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Collaborate with program staff to create a shared curriculum and pedagogy.
- Teach students individually and in groups, using varied and creative teaching methods to support student learning, in areas including theory and musicianship, string technique, solfege, rhythm, ear-training, body movement and written work.

- Adapt teaching methods and instructional materials to meet students' varying needs, skill levels, and interests, as well as to grow children's confidence, respect, aspiration, drive, understanding, empathy, and emotional intelligence.
- Establish clear objectives for all lessons, units and projects, both individually and as part of the YAMA teaching team, and teach toward those objectives.
- Participate in ongoing professional development activities.
- Engage in regular planning and debrief meetings.
- Communicate and build rapport with parents, students, and fellow Teaching Artists to ensure success of the program.
- Maintain the program's culture of respect and high expectations, both musically and socially, in all learning and teaching contexts.
- Actively uphold practices and procedures that ensure student safety and professionalism.
- Observe and assess students' performance, behavior, social development, and physical health. Partner with YAMA administrative staff in evaluation efforts.
- Embrace a flexible working schedule and environment to deliver a responsive program that is constantly developing to meet the needs of the children and greater community.
- Participate in regular student performances; partner with program staff at performances to ensure student safety and success.
- Other duties as assigned.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Strong classroom management skills and passion for learning alongside young people.
- B.A., B.M. or equivalent degree in Education or Music Performance preferred. Minimum of two years experience teaching in a group setting preferred.
- Demonstrate excellent musicianship and artistry as a teacher and performer.
- Knowledge of string repertoire, curriculum, and music pedagogy preferred but not required.
- Commitment to the YAMA Teaching Team, which involves collaboration, communication, creativity, and curiosity.
- Willingness to engage in the ongoing work of examining race, class, gender, sexual orientation, ability, ethnicity, religion, and age as they affect the functioning of our team, our efficacy as role models, and the role of YAMA in our community.
- Strong ethical standards and ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality.
- Ability to travel as required (for performances, field trips, professional development).
- Bilingual English/Spanish a plus.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

- Criminal history and background check required.
- 3-month probationary period upon hire.
- Up to five excused absences are permitted within the program year.

This job description is not an all-inclusive list, but is intended to summarize the duty responsibilities. Yakima Music en Acción (YAMA) retains the discretion to add to or change the duties of this position at any time. YAMA is an at-will employer and employment may be terminated at any time for any reason including, but not limited to, performance deficiencies and funding restrictions. YAMA is an equal opportunity employer. Auxiliary aids/services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Rev. 8-31-2015



School Calendar

Yakima Public Schools

Yakima School District Number 7

2019-2020 Instructional Calendar

AUGUST 2019						
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August	
23&26	District Directed Days for Certified Employees - No School
27	Prof. Development Day for Certified Employees - No School
28	First Day of Classes - Early Release; 11:15 a.m. for MS/HS Students and 12 Noon for Elementary Students; full day for Classified and Certified Employees
September	
2	Labor Day - No School
October	
11	Prof. Development Day for Certified Employees - No School
November	
4-8	Parent Conferences for Elementary Schools 12 Noon Release for Students
6-8	Parent Conferences for Middle Schools 11:15 a.m. Release for Students
6-8	High School Student Led Conferences 11:15 a.m. Release for Students
11	Observation of Veteran's Day - No School
27	No School
28	Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
29	Native American Heritage Day - No School
December	
23-31	Winter Break - No School * (Intercession offered to students on the 30th and 31st)
January	
1	New Year's Day - No School
2-3	Winter Break cont'd - No School * (Intercession offered to students on the 2nd and 3rd)
6	Classes Resume
20	Martin Luther King Jr Birthday - No School
February	
14	Snow make-up day #1 if needed - No School
17	President's Day - No School
18	Snow make-up day #2 if needed - No School
March	
30-31	Parent Conferences for Elementary Schools 12 Noon Release for Students
April	
1-3	Parent Conferences cont'd for Elementary Schools 12 Noon Release for Students
1-3	Parent Conferences for Middle Schools 11:15 a.m. Release for Students
6-10	Spring Break - No School
May	
25	Memorial Day - No School
June	
10	Last Day of Classes - Early Release; 11:15 a.m. for MS/HS Students and 12 Noon for Elementary Students; full day for Classified and Certified Employees ** Lunch will be served on all early release days.

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Holidays/Breaks/No School
* See Middle Column

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Elementary/Middle School Quarters		
1st Quarter Ends	October 31	45 days
2nd Quarter Ends	January 23	45 days
3rd Quarter Ends	March 31	45 days
4th Quarter Ends	June 10	45 days

High School Semesters		
1st Sem. Ends	Jan 23	90 days
2nd Sem. Ends	June 10	90 days