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The Itasca Orchestra & Strings Program is in search of an additional instructor to teach lessons in primarily violin during the school year. There is also an opportunity to lead and conduct one or more student ensembles. This instructor will be paid \$35/hour for lessons, with a mileage reimbursement. Instructors who travel more than 25 miles to our location will receive a partial mileage reimbursement. Please send a current resume and a short paragraph outlining your teaching philosophy to Pedro Oviedo at music@itascaorchestra.org.

This position offers opportunities for mentoring and training as well as the possibility for leading an ensemble for the right candidate. This individual would participate in school outreach and the establishment of a satellite program in the Grand Rapids, MN area. Our artistic director Pedro Oviedo holds a master's degree in conducting as well as viola performance and is a continual student of strings pedagogy. As a teacher for our program you would have autonomy in building a program in a school with the potential for the growth of a robust program as well as access to support from a highly skilled teaching artist.

Brief Background on the Itasca Orchestra & Strings Program (IOSP): The Itasca Orchestra & String Program has been providing opportunities to hear, learn and perform orchestral works for the youth and adults in Itasca County, MN since 1981. The organization consists of our community orchestra, the Itasca Symphony Orchestra and our Strings Program. Our Strings Program provides lessons in violin, viola, cello and bass. In cooperation with our local schools, we provide weekly lessons in the school during the school day. Youth orchestra and group lessons are held after school. Adults and homeschool students take lessons in our offices located in the Reif Performing Arts Center. The relationship between the IOSP and the Reif Center provides our students with fantastic learning opportunities with performing musicians as well as an inspiring performance space.

A residency with the Third Coast Chamber Collective has brought a new element of high -level musicianship and learning opportunities to our program. This group of world class musicians produce educational and performance opportunities in the region including a summer arts camp, chamber music festival and masterclasses.

Our community: Grand Rapids is a vibrant and welcoming community and highly supportive of the arts set in a area rich in outdoor recreation opportunities. If a person wants to live where they play, Grand Rapids is a good place to live.

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STRING INSTRUCTOR

Reports to: Executive Director

Pay rate: \$35/hour

Function: Teach string lessons to assigned students.

Start date: September 2022

IOSP's Mission: To provide opportunities to hear, learn and perform orchestral music. We seek to provide a transformative experience that inspires a lifelong commitment to inclusive community-building through pedagogy and music.

Core Competencies:

- 4-year degree in Music or Fine Arts with specialization in a stringed instrument
- 3-5 years string instrument teaching experience in high level, professional settings (general classroom, formal private lessons, and/or collegiate)
- Additional group class teaching experience preferred
- Ability to be a strong role model for youth
- Strong commitment to the mission of The Itasca Orchestra and Strings Program
- Ability to communicate and work with multiple constituencies, diverse personalities, and populations.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills with demonstrated ability to effectively facilitate meetings, present publicly, and provide professional written information utilizing various media
- Ability to work well on a team and in a high-pressure, multi-tasking environment, with strong communication skills
- Strong desktop computer skills and excellent time management and organizational skills
- Valid driver's license and ability to drive to all lesson locations
- Frequent lifting (up to 50 pounds). Frequent bending, kneeling, carrying, pushing, pulling and stooping
- Must pass background check

Responsibilities:

- Teach appropriate instrumental pedagogy to each assigned student
- Be present at student concerts and performances to assist as needed.
- Assist with recruiting events and retain students to participate in the program.
- Collaborate with IOSP instructors in the continuous improvement and delivery of the IOSP Curriculum.
- Encourage learning in a positive environment that builds students' self-esteem and confidence
- Recommend and prepare students participating in the NFMC Itasca Music Festival.
- Participate in Staff Meetings as scheduled. Perform general faculty responsibilities including maintenance of student attendance records and other duties as needed.
- Participate in ongoing Professional Development workshops pertaining to pedagogy, and artistic enrichment.
- Maintain effective communications between school personnel, parents, and staff with an emphasis on understanding goals, needs and concerns.
- Teach students performance etiquette and ensemble skills, both in behavior and musicality.
- Highly encouraged to be an active member of the Itasca Symphony Orchestra and community musical events.

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