

Career Opportunity

YONA-Sistema Substitute Teaching Artist

Edmonton Symphony Orchestra & Francis Winspear Centre for Music
Youth Orchestra of Northern Alberta Sistema Program

The Edmonton Symphony Orchestra is an ensemble with adventurous programming that reflects the diversity of the communities it serves, and has been an anchor in Edmonton's music community for over six decades. Our vision is to make music accessible to everyone and minimize barriers for people to access musical arts experiences. Our Educational Outreach team is seeking multiple **Substitute Teaching Artists (Strings/Woodwinds/Brass/Percussion)** to join us in the YONA-Sistema program, enacting social change through music education for Edmonton's underserved youth.

We are looking for more than experienced musicians committed to teaching. If you have a passion for introducing the richness of music to those who might not otherwise have the opportunity, this is the job for you. If you believe that music can change lives, and that everyone deserves that chance, read on.

We need Teaching Artists with patience, compassion, and energy to teach on a scheduled substitute and/or on-call basis after school until early evening. The program takes place during the academic year from 3:00 - 6:00 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and from 12:00 - 3:00 pm on Thursdays. You must have some availability during these hours.

You will provide beginning instrumental and general music instruction (including musicianship, classroom percussion, and choral instruction) to a sectional group of up to 12 children, and work with a team of colleagues to lead larger ensemble sessions as well. You will also assist students with academic work and lead active games during break times.

Your qualifications include a minimum of 1 year in a teaching or child-care setting. Experience teaching instruments to children or working with groups of children is an asset. You are imaginative and flexible. Since this program is aimed at supporting underserved youth, familiarity with outreach programs and social work philosophies is an asset. Successful candidates are positive, open-minded, empathetic, non-judgmental and committed to building strong communities. Your core belief that music has the power to change lives is essential to success in this role.

What you get is experience as a teacher paired with amazing community support and assistance, and the knowledge that you are creating profound social change by sharing what you love: music. Join us to create positive change of the lives of Edmonton's youth.

Please submit your résumé and cover letter to Lauren Dykstra, YONA Lead Teaching Artist, at ldykstra@winspearcentre.com. Subject line: YONA-Sistema Teaching Artist. Please mention how you heard about this posting. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. We thank all candidates for their interest. Qualified candidates will be contacted for an interview. Please no phone calls.