



## **Kipohtakâw YONA Teaching Artist (Violin) Job Posting**

Location: Kipohtakâw Education Centre (9 Kec Dr, Alexander 134, AB T0G 1Y0) Alexander First Nation, and Edmonton, Alberta

Term: Part time from September, 2024 – June 2025

Salary: \$ \$13,000-15,000

Commitment: 2 days per week (during school hours) with additional time as required, with the possibility of compatibility with Teaching Artist positions in the city for additional teaching opportunities.

### **Who we are:**

#### **The Winspear Centre**

As one of the premiere places for music in Canada, the Francis Winspear Centre for Music is committed to provide musical experiences rooted in creativity, nourished by imagination, and sustained by excellence.

We are on Indigenous peoples' traditional lands, who are integral to our history. Equally, we embrace today's multicultural mosaic. Music is one of the expressive languages that transcend and unite people.

We are committed to providing a safe and welcoming space for our community to create, exhibit, and learn about music. We are committed to accessibility. The Centre is a platform for a broad and eclectic range of individual voices to be enjoyed on a communal level.

The Winspear Centre has been a cornerstone of Edmonton's Arts District for 25 years. We are currently working to complete the Winspear Project – a significant building expansion that is currently underway and will include a new 550-seat performance venue, dedicated teaching spaces, and flexible community areas and will help us achieve our goal of reaching 500,000 active participants by 2032. We aim to celebrate the opening of this exciting new addition to Edmonton's Arts District in 2026.

#### **YONA-Sistema and Kipohtakâw YONA**

The Youth Orchestra of Northern Alberta (YONA) Sistema program strives to have a lasting positive community impact by providing free music-centered programming for youth in Northern Alberta's priority neighborhoods. Our team is passionate about introducing the richness of music to those who might not

otherwise have the opportunity, and we believe that ensemble music making is a transformative experience. YONA operates at 4 sites within the city of Edmonton that run during the after-school hours and 1 site at Alexander First Nation- Kipohtakâw YONA which operates during school hours. Students at Kipohtakâw YONA sing and play an instrument (violin, recorder, or flute).

We encourage you to visit our website to learn more: <http://www.yona-sistema.com/>.

**Who you are:**

You have a strong background in your instrument, knowledge of music pedagogy and experience working with children and youth. You love all aspects of music, you enjoy working on a team and bringing out the best in those around you. You are creative and flexible, you rise to challenges and you are not afraid to try new things. You are aligned with these values and want us to succeed together.

**What we offer:**

- Paid flex days off to pursue performance or professional opportunities
- Paid professional development
- Team-based work environment offering training and support from experienced colleagues.
- Connection to the broader Winspear Centre organization, with opportunities to attend concerts and support non-YONA events and programs.
- Mission-driven work with a noticeable impact on the students and communities served.
- Opportunity to share your love of music with others every day!

**Job Summary:**

The Kipohtakâw YONA Teaching Artist (Violin) is responsible for providing music instruction to multiple groups of up to 20 students and works collaboratively with the Kipohtakâw Education Centre and YONA-Sistema team to provide support for all students in the program.

This is a part time salaried contract position working from September to June. The contract may be renewed on an annual basis.

Teaching Artists work at Kipohtakâw YONA during the school day from 9-1:30pm for 2 days/week. The violin Teaching Artist will work with 3 groups of students varying in ages from grades 3-9. Planning and preparation time outside of these hours is included as an expectation of the role, and additional time is required throughout the year for concerts, events, staff meetings and professional development.

**Expectations of the role:**

- Provide instrumental music instruction to 3 groups of up to 20 students per group twice a week
- Lead students in rehearsals and concerts
- Work with a team of colleagues at your site and across all sites to provide support for all students in the program
- Commute to Alexander First Nation and Edmonton as required

- Collaborate with the entire YONA team and Kipohtakâw Education Centre staff to support strategic goals of the program
- Build trusting relationships with students and community members
- Other duties as assigned

**Qualifications:**

- Advanced training in violin
- Post-secondary education in music performance or education preferred
- Previous experience teaching your instrument
- Previous experience teaching groups of children
- Valid Driver's License and access to a reliable vehicle
- Current First Aid (Level C) Certification
- Clear criminal record check, including vulnerable sector search

**Competencies:**

- General knowledge of elementary academic curriculum expectations
- Additional experience and/or interest in arranging, improvisation, conducting, composing an asset
- Competency in singing an asset
- Knowledge of the El Sistema philosophy and awareness of music for social change programs
- Interest in social justice and knowledge of trauma informed care, Truth and Reconciliation, and current trends in equity, diversity, and inclusion

Please submit your cover letter and resume to apply and email [hiring@winspearcentre.com](mailto: hiring@winspearcentre.com). Please include "Kipohtakâw-YONA Teaching Artist- Violin" in the subject line of the email. The posting will remain open until the position is filled.

Application Deadline: Until Suitable Candidate is Found

The Winspear Centre is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from all qualified individuals. Applicants who are either Canadian or permanent residents of Canada will be considered prior to international applicants. We thank you for your interest. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.