



CYSO Steel Orchestras Teaching Assistant

Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras (CYSO) announces an immediate opening for a teaching assistant for our CYSO Steel Orchestras Program.

ORGANIZATION

Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras (CYSO) has provided music education through orchestral programs and performance opportunities of the highest caliber since 1946. CYSO currently serves more than 600 talented Chicago-area musicians ages 6-18 through four full orchestras, three string orchestras, multiple steel orchestras, a jazz orchestra, and enrichment programs including chamber music and composition. A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, CYSO is investing in the future of music and the next generation of leaders.

DESCRIPTION

This program teaches students in grades 1-12 the steelpan through weekly rehearsals that focus on technique, ensemble performance skills, beginning steel repertoire, and music theory. Led by Program Director Scott McConnell, the program offers a nurturing environment. The CYSO Steel Orchestra program is open to students across the greater Chicagoland area regardless of musical experience.

The Steel Orchestras Teaching Assistant will work directly with the Steel Orchestra director providing instruction in instrumental theory, technique, coaching in sectional rehearsals, as well as playing in the ensemble alongside the students. The assistant may also provide and teach arrangements throughout the season. Applicants must have an intimate knowledge in all steelpan instruments and an ability to work with students with varying musical abilities.

The Teaching Assistant is expected to be present at all rehearsals and performances throughout the season. CYSO Steel Orchestras rehearse on Saturdays from 9:00 am - 5:15 pm at the Fine Arts Building in Chicago. There is an average of 28 weeks in each season and one concert each semester from late-August through early-June.

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Music degree required (concentration in Music Education or Music Performance Preferred)

Master of Music degree in Music Education or Music Performance preferred

Steelpan Performance experience required
Related teaching and coaching experiences required
Must have ability to communicate easily and effectively with youth and families; excellent interpersonal skills; and ability to create a supportive learning environment

START DATE

January 5 or asap

COMPENSATION

Stipend

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please send a letter of intent and résumé with three references* via email to:
Scott McConnell, Director of Steel Orchestras, smcconnell@cyso.org
No phone calls please.

*References will be contacted only after an applicant has been invited to interview.

SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be paper-screened and those exhibiting superior qualifications will be invited to an in-person interview.

CYSO is an equal opportunity employer.