



JOB DESCRIPTION

Organization: Pacific Chorale

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Title: Teaching Artist - Pacific Chorale Academy

Start Date: September 2019

Application: Please send resume to Molly Buzick Pontin at molly@pacificchorale.org. **Include details of your experience teaching voice to children in a group setting and specifics on *El Sistema* related training and/or background.** Selected candidates will be asked to give a teaching demonstration and submit other pedagogical materials.

Deadline: September 1

Based on the principles of Venezuela's *El Sistema*, Pacific Chorale Academy provides access to exceptional choral music education in order to promote youth development. By engaging, encouraging and connecting students, teachers and parents, Pacific Chorale and the Newport-Mesa Unified School District empowers the community to value education, embrace shared responsibility and advocate for the success of each participating child.

PC Academy serves 1st through 6th grade students at three school sites. Musical curriculum will include basic musicianship concepts, rhythmic skills and large/small choral ensemble work. Character building is an integral part of the teaching and learning process. The program takes place in school and/or after school at each site, and students join this program voluntarily.

The Teaching Artist is part of a two-person teaching team at each site. This teaching team will ensure the highest quality beginning choral experience for students, select repertoire and teaching materials, and support each child holistically. The team will support the program's *El Sistema*-inspired philosophy and assist in facilitating community and family involvement.

As a PC Academy Teaching Artist responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

- Collaborating with PC Academy and Newport-Mesa School faculty to create a shared curriculum, pedagogy and culture inspired by the ideals of *El Sistema*.
- Team-teaching music fundamentals, including rhythm and basic notation.
- Team-directing ensembles of 40-50 students, including choosing appropriate repertoire.

- Preparation and communication with music teachers, Pacific Chorale Staff, parents and the entire PC Academy team.
- Participating in regular staff meetings.
- Communication and rapport-building with parents and students in the class
- Working with staff and outside professionals to implement, document and evaluate the program.

Hours:

Tuesdays, 2:40-3:40 and Thursdays, 2:10-3:40 at Mariners Elementary in Newport Beach. The program runs weekly from September through April with breaks according to the Newport-Mesa district calendar.

Qualifications:

- **Experience teaching vocal music to children in a classroom setting required.**
- Demonstrated excellent musicianship and artistry as a teacher/performer
- Strong classroom management skills.
- Experience leading and conducting choral ensembles.
- Interest and ability to be a motivational mentor and role model for students, parents, and peers as an artist, teacher and citizen.
- Strong understanding of standard music pedagogy. Training or certification in Kodaly, Orff, and/ or Dalcroze a plus.
- Strong commitment to *El Sistema's* philosophy of social change through music.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work effectively with a wide range of constituencies in a diverse community.
- Bilingual in English and Spanish a plus.
- Piano skills required. Guitar skills a plus.
- Flexibility and creativity to adapt to curriculum goals and ability to work collaboratively.
- Ability to work during program hours as well as additional hours for planning meetings, professional development and scheduled concerts.

Note:

Teaching Artists will be paid at the hourly rate for instructional time, professional development, planning, concerts and special events and other program-related activities, where attendance or participation is required.

Fingerprints, a background check and tuberculosis screening will be required if hired.