



We're looking for a Musicianship Teacher Artist!

Since 2013, Bakerview Music Academy has given Fraser Valley youth access to professional after-school El Sistema music lessons, with preference given to children from low-income, single-parent, and large families. Admission to BMA is very inclusive and open to all Abbotsford students – there is no audition process. We have children who are new to Canada and many who are Canadian by birth but representative of a wide variety of cultures.

Based on the revolutionary El Sistema (the System) program in Venezuela, the goal of Bakerview Music Academy is to inspire Abbotsford youth to achieve their full potential and to have a positive impact on their lives and society as a whole. Our program empowers youth while developing talented musicians who get to experience the joy of performing.

Position Summary:

We are seeking a qualified, dedicated Musicianship Teaching Artist, with a strong foundation in Orff and Kodály, starting in September 2021 with the Bakerview Music Academy. The Devon Clifford Foundation has generously provided a grant toward funding this position.

We are looking for experienced percussion musicians who are committed to teaching and community outreach and keen to create innovative percussion pieces with youth. If you have a passion for bringing the richness of music to those who might not otherwise have the opportunity, and believe that music can empower people and communities, this is the job for you.

As a Teaching Artist, you work 2 days a week during after-school hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:15 - 5:15 pm and attend planning sessions and team meetings as required. You provide Orff and Kodály music instruction to groups of up to 20 children, and work with a team of colleagues to provide support for all students in the program. You also supervise break and snack times. You collaborate with the entire BMA team to build the culture and curriculum of the program. What you get is an hourly teaching position on a 10-month contract (with the possibility for annual renewal), paid professional development opportunities throughout the year, some wonderful community support, and the knowledge that you are inspiring children and youth and creating profound social change by sharing what you love: music.

Application deadline: 5 pm on Monday, August 30, 2021.

Your qualifications include post-secondary training preferably in music, education, or a related field. You have a strong foundation in Orff and Kodály and have experience teaching music to youth. You are imaginative and flexible, and excited by the opportunity to collaborate and share with colleagues. Since this program is aimed at supporting underserved youth, familiarity with social work philosophies and experience with community outreach are assets. Successful candidates are patient, positive, open-minded, empathetic, non-judgmental, and committed to building strong communities.

Please submit a cover letter along with your resume to info@bakerviewmusic.ca by 5 pm August 30, 2021. Tell us a bit about yourself and why you're interested in working with BMA.