



## Job Posting

### SUZUKI PIANO TEACHER

**About Winchester Community Music School (WCMS).** Founded in 1981, the Winchester Community Music School serves nearly 850 students of all ages and abilities. Our mission is to provide outstanding and diverse musical education and performance, accessible to all, in Winchester, neighboring communities, and beyond. At WCMS, we continuously nurture innovative offerings and fresh musical opportunities to reflect the needs of our students, who come from more than 30 towns and many walks of life. Housed in its own facility, the "Home for Music," WCMS employs over 60 professional teaching artists and serves more than 5,000 people annually through programs and events at the school and in the community.

**The Opportunity.** This faculty position works with beginning level pianists and their families, using Suzuki based piano instruction. All piano faculty members report to the Chair of the Piano/Keyboard Department. This position is for Saturday mornings with the possibility of extending into the afternoon (approx. 8 AM up to 5 PM), starting in the spring semester (week of February 2, 2015). Exact hours will be determined based upon student interest and enrollment. WCMS operates in two 16-week semesters during the academic year and offers an optional 6-week summer semester from late June-early August. Part-time, non-exempt ó hourly.

**Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:**

(The following are representative examples of the principal tasks to be accomplished but are not considered to be all-inclusive.)

- Provide a professional, warm, and enthusiastic learning environment to all students.
- Maintain knowledge of appropriate pedagogical methods and repertoire for various ability levels and learning styles.
- Communicate with student and family members about progress and goals through semester progress reports and as needed.
- Commit to a consistent teaching schedule and maintain regularity with lessons with limited interruptions or absences.
- Encourage and offer student performance opportunities within the studio and at WCMS.
- Maintain knowledge about musical opportunities and offerings at WCMS and externally to enhance the student experience.
- Demonstrate a commitment to collaborating with faculty colleagues through performances and musical events.

**Qualifications.** The successful candidate must have a music degree or significant and equivalent professional experience; Master's degree or higher preferred. Training and certification in Suzuki piano pedagogy through Suzuki book 1 or higher is required. Demonstrated experience with classroom teaching experience is required. Candidate must have a minimum of three years of teaching experience, preferably within a community arts school setting. The candidate must have demonstrated student learning orientation for various levels of ability, good natured personality and people person, and be an effective communicator with students, parents, faculty, and staff. Must be available to teach on Saturdays, have reliable transportation (WCMS is not easily accessible by public transportation), and a professional appearance.

### **Compensation and Benefits.**

**Salary.** Commensurate with experience.

**Benefits.** Access to pre-tax health insurance premium payment. Access to 403b tax deferred annuity retirement savings plan through TIAA-Cref. Tuition discount for WCMS activities for employee and immediate family members.

**How to apply.** Please email cover letter and résumé to the attention of Heather Bissell, Faculty Chair of Piano/Keyboard Department at [info@winchestermusic.org](mailto:info@winchestermusic.org). Qualified candidates will be contacted regarding an interview. No phone calls please. WCMS is an equal opportunity employer and encourages candidates of all backgrounds to apply for this position.