

# RHODE ISLAND PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA & MUSIC SCHOOL

The RI Philharmonic Orchestra & Music School seeks a teaching artist (violist or violinist) to join the Victoria's Dream Project, an afterschool string-music education initiative at the Agnes Little Elementary School in Pawtucket, RI. This position also has room to grow a full studio at our Community Music School in East Providence, R.I.

As a teaching artist within the Victoria's Dream Project, you would facilitate the music education experience of 45 students who play either violin or viola (broken down into small classes of 8-9 and a small ensemble that is co-led by you and the lead teacher); prepare students for several community outreach events and music performances throughout the year; work closely with other Victoria's Dream Project staff to develop curriculum; and participate in Professional Development and develop best teaching practice. You would coordinate and collaborate with our Community Partnerships Manager (a licensed Music Educator), our lead teacher, and faculty and staff within Agnes Little Elementary School.

The Victoria's Dream Project is a comprehensive music program that provides free string instrument instruction (violin and viola) and afterschool care, instruments, community-engagement activities, and a pathway to our music school for the students at the Agnes Little Elementary School, an anchor in the working community of Pawtucket, RI. The RIPO&MS believes the VDP will help to promote community actualization in our music school and at Agnes Little Elementary by expanding opportunities for students and their families through instrumental instruction.

## Responsibilities:

- Maintain a safe and supportive learning environment for all students
- Provide high-quality music instruction to beginning and intermediate students
- Co-teach a beginning ensemble of violins and violas
- Build relationships with key stakeholders including students, families, teachers, and administrators
- Collaborate with other Victoria's Dream Project staff; we are a shared-responsibility team and deeply value each other's feedback and support
- Prepare students to audition for the RI Philharmonic Youth Orchestras

## You are:

- A kind and warm individual who cares deeply for the educational experience of students from areas with limited resources
- A string musician with 3+ years of experience in instruction (ensemble instruction experience preferred)
- An advocate for arts education and access for all
- Comfortable with working with students age 8-12
- Flexible and adaptive in your teaching practice
- Willing to build relationships within the community and neighborhood
- Open to feedback and possess a growth mindset (both for yourself and your students)

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's in Music (Music Education preferred)
- 3+ years of experience in music education
- Experience with Suzuki and Traditional string instruction
- Experience as a working musician (performance background, both in classical and/or a non-traditional setting)
- Must provide your own transportation to and from Agnes Little Elementary School
- Must be dependable; as a small team working closely together, we rely on each other's consistency
- Spanish speaking skills are a plus

Commitment: ~7-8 hours on site each week from October – June. Teaching artists are paid for prep time, field trips, performances, professional development, and other teaching expectations. Option to also build private studio at the RI Philharmonic Music School.

For more information, please send your cover letter, resume, and references to Amelia Nixon, Community Partnerships Manager, at [anixon@riphil.org](mailto:anixon@riphil.org)

*The Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra & Music School is an equal opportunity workplace and is committed to building a diverse community of faculty and staff. LGBTQ+, people of color, and women are encouraged to apply.*