



Whispering River Music
A project of Ardeleana Chamber Music Society

Internship Available: Community Music Facilitator

Whispering River Music is seeking a strings player to collaborate in the active development of a growing community music and arts hub in Parry Sound and the surrounding communities. An upper strings player is preferred, but candidates who are trained in double bass will also be considered. Responsibilities include building and leading creativity centered violin classes for students of all ages and skill levels, and serving as section leader for a vibrant, welcoming community string orchestra with an active interest in developing new Canadian concert music.

Training or experience in teaching early childhood music through Orff or Kodaly methods, and/or Suzuki method, and an ability to work with young people, and/or a desire to undertake training in this area will be a strong consideration. A willingness to undertake production and administration tasks, and demonstrated skills in graphic design and/or bookkeeping are an asset.

The chosen candidate will also act as a mentor for young artists aged 15 - 30 working seasonally through Canada Summer Jobs programs, and be part of a creative team facilitating a two week summer day camp offering music, art and musical theater.

Prospective employees will be able to forge creative connections between music, the arts and other communities and disciplines, and will work on administrative tasks collectively with other members of the creative / admin team. Work takes place in a collaborative environment alongside compassionate, cooperative colleagues and volunteers. Long term employment opportunities with WRM are available beyond the 24/25 season's activities in the beautiful Biosphere region of Parry Sound and Georgian Bay. For more information about our organization, visit www.whisperingrivermusic.com or find us on social media.

Responsibilities

Violin Teacher - teach private violin / viola lessons and group string / violin classes for children and adults
- approximately 15 hours / week;

Administrative Team Assistant - community engagement, event planning, lesson scheduling, promotional material design, completing grant reports and applications, budgeting, basic website design, social media updates, email communications and other administrative tasks involved in running a registered Canadian charity/community music organization
- approximately 20 hours / week

Section Leader for Whispering River Orchestra's main concert series - approx. 5 hours per week

Weekly orchestra rehearsals and leading one sectional per month

Clinician for special events / music programs in schools and throughout the community occurring throughout the year; instruction with the WRM team in local schools on various outreach programs and arts council grants - approximately 3- 9 hours a week, one or 2 days a week, for blocks of 4-8 weeks as required by the project.

Premier / compose / perform works by Canadian composers

Participate in collaborative projects with northern artists and ensembles, participate in innovative community programs, network with community members and local businesses

Requirements

We are looking for someone who is an exceptional musician, and at the same time passionate about working with others. A willingness to undertake and show aptitude for administrative tasks and/or graphic design is an asset. Applicants should be excited to positively contribute to ongoing community projects and events. All of these qualities are integral for success as a violinist in our team:

- A degree in Music from a recognised university
- Demonstrate ability to play the violin
- Readiness to perform in our innovative concert programs
- Creative flexibility and willingness to explore different musical genres and interdisciplinary arts programming formats
- Adaptability and ability to “go with the flow” as events change and evolve
- Passion for teaching all ages
- Show initiative to be a part of the WRM community
- Strong sense of teamwork

Remuneration

The internship's salary is \$47,840 gross.

For the Workforce Development Stream. This opportunity is proudly supported by Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and is funded through the Workforce Development Program. Eligibility requirements of the program can be found here:

<https://nohfc.ca/en/pages/programs/people-talent-program/workforce-development-stream>

Additional Info

Billeting close to or in Parry Sound and transportation fees can be accommodated upon request until suitable accommodation can be found.

Please submit your resume, cover letter, and a sample of your playing to: Brenda Margaret Muller, Artistic Director, at whisperingriverorchestra@gmail.com. Phone number: 705-996-0736

The application intake process will continue until June 30th, 2024 or until the position is filled. Please submit an application as soon as possible.