

# **Crowden Music Center:** Early Childhood Music Teacher (part-time)

*The Crowden School seeks a part-time Early Childhood Music Teacher to begin in Fall 2024.* 

**Crowden is committed to creating a diverse environment and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer.** We value an inclusive community of students, parents, faculty and staff, and supporters, celebrating our many differences and uniting in our shared love of music of all kinds and origins. Crowden does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, or veteran status. Applicants from diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Crowden School, a coeducational day school for grades three through eight, provides a distinguished education with chamber music at the core. Founded in 1983 by Scottish violinist Anne Crowden, The Crowden School is the flagship program of the Crowden Music Center, a non-profit organization that combines music and education to nurture, develop, and inspire students of all ages. Altogether, Crowden serves an annual audience of 12,000 with a rich array of music classes, workshops, events, and concerts.

#### **POSITION SUMMARY:**

The Crowden School is seeking a dynamic and skilled Early Childhood Music teacher with an understanding of and passion for teaching pre-instrument students 3-7 years old. The Early Childhood Music teacher will be responsible for designing and directing an Early Childhood Music program appropriate to the needs of musically-minded and inquisitive young students.

The successful candidate will demonstrate expertise and enthusiasm for the subject matter, strong classroom management skills, and a willingness to work as part of a team. Curriclulum is

expected to be developmentally-appropriate, grounded in the Kodály, Orff, or Dalcroze music tradition, and with an awareness of the cultural diversity reflected in the student body and the larger community.

Crowden Early Childhood Music Classes consist of approximately 10 students in three different age groupings: 3-4 (with parents), 4-5, and 6-7 years old. Each class meets for one 45-minute period per week. Currently, classes are scheduled from 9:30am-12:30pm on Saturdays. The schedule may be adjusted if necessary for the right candidate and additional classes may be added depending on demand and teacher availability.

This is a 20% time position. In addition to weekly classes, the Early Childhood Music teacher is expected to attend faculty and planning meetings.

The position will begin in August 2024.

## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Design and direct an Early Childhood Music program under the guidance of the Associate Artistic Director.
- Create an inclusive and welcoming classroom environment where each student is celebrated.
- Be attuned to the specific learning needs and social and emotional development of each student.
- Employ age-appropriate classroom management techniques.
- Communicate effectively with students and parents.
- Participate actively in department, grade-level, and faculty meetings as scheduled.
- Supervise children during lunch and/or recess, as assigned.
- Maintain professional standards of conduct, respect, and collegiality.
- Other duties as assigned

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Excellent musicianship and artistry as an Early Childhood Music educator
- Bachelor's degree in music education or a related subject.
- Certification in Kodály, Orff methods (through Level 3 preferred) or Dalcroze (minimum Dalcroze Professional Certificate).
- Experience working with young pre-K students, and a passion for interacting with students in and outside of the classroom.
- Strong knowledge of developmentally-appropriate pedagogy and repertoire.
- A commitment to collaborating with colleagues to build and sustain the school community.

- Excellent communication skills and commitment to keeping parents informed and engaged.
- A sense of humor and a "can-do" attitude.
- Employment dependent on satisfactory completion of background check and TB test.

#### COMPENSATION: \$60-63/hr

#### TO APPLY:

Send cover letter and resume by August 12, 2024 to Eugene Sor esor@crowden.org.