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The Saint James Music Academy Outreach Choir Teacher position provides choral / voice training and music education to children and youth at Tier 1 East Vancouver Public Schools through a donor-sponsored music children's charity.

Saint James Music Academy (SJMA) seeks a passionate individual to join our team of committed staff, music teachers and volunteers who provide life-changing opportunities to children and youth in East Vancouver. SJMA's Outreach Choir Teacher position provides choral / voice training and music education to children and youth at East Vancouver schools.

A grassroots charity since our founding in 2007, SJMA enjoys a wide range of support from friends and neighbours, arts organizations, local business, and religious institutions. We thrive on the energy and shared success of many hands coming together for the narrow but beautiful focus of this work: making high quality music education - and all of the gifts that music brings - available to kids who wouldn't otherwise have the chance to learn.

If you are full of positive energy and would love to teach choir to East-side Elementary school-aged youth from Grades K-7, please send your resume / C.V. in application for the position of Outreach Choir Teacher. We look forward to hearing from you!

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Consider thoughtfully and prepare your repertoire based on the diverse needs of the children that comprise each class. Select choral repertoire which engages and challenges students musically, and meets the Academy's standards.
- Liaise with SJMA's Program Director around curriculum planning and progress.
- Liaise with teachers and administrators at your outreach location for your schedule, planned absences, and ongoingly around class dynamic and student needs.
- Organize presentations for your students' families in collaboration with the principal at your teaching location. In working towards concerts, keep in mind that the learning that happens in the process of engaging in music together is as much our

focus as a finalized product. Offsite performances must be approved by SJMA and the school principal, and written permission forms must be obtained.

- Help to raise the profile of SJMA in the larger community by disseminating information about the music school at your outreach location. Answer questions about the program from teachers and parents and assist families with application forms from those who wish to apply to our after school program.

Qualifications

Proven ability to organize and direct efficient rehearsals including instruction of vocal pedagogy and singing technique, incorporating warm-ups, ear training, sight reading and exposure to diverse repertoire.

Group teaching experience with young people of varying ages in groups and effective class management skills is required. Experience working with children with special needs is a significant asset, as are piano skills.

Compensation Rate: \$57.07 per hour + 4% vacation pay (\$60.00 total)

Location: Tier 1 Public School in East Vancouver

Hours / Days:

3.25 hours per day (between the hours of 10:50am-2:30pm)

2 days per week, for 36 weeks Sept 2026 - June 2027

The work schedule follows the VSB school schedule, therefore there are no classes when the school is closed (on public holidays, VSB Pro-D Days, Winter Break and Spring Break).

To apply, please email your cover letter + resume / C.V. to employment@sjma.ca

With the Subject: **OUTREACH CHOIR TEACHER APPLICATION**

Attention of: **Hannah Walker (Program Director)**

We appreciate all who take the time to apply, however, due to high volume, only those applicants who are being moved to the next step of the hiring process will be contacted.

Please note that to be considered for this position, candidates must be fluent in English, currently reside in Greater Vancouver, and be permanently eligible to work in Canada. A police record check for working with vulnerable persons is also required.