



SR CELLO TEACHER

Saint James Music Academy (SJMA) seeks a passionate Cello Teacher for our Senior Program, to join our team of committed staff, music teachers and volunteers who provide life-changing opportunities to children and youth in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

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 cello to highschool school-aged youth from Grades 5-12, please send your resume / C.V. in application for the position of Cello Teacher.

We look forward to hearing from you!

QUALIFICATIONS

- Skilled cellist and teacher
- Connects well with youth ages 12–18
- Is comfortable teaching in both individual and group settings
- Integrates music theory into cello instruction in an engaging and practical way
- Is able to work with students with different learning paces and abilities in a group setting, and adjust teaching style based on program needs and individual students
- Approaches teaching with encouragement, patience, care, and enthusiasm!
Experience working with vulnerable and disadvantaged youth is an asset.
- Collaborates with staff and follows SJMA's curriculum, teaching approach, and concert preparation plans.
- Encourages musical growth, confidence, and teamwork

ABOUT SJMA

SJMA is a full orchestral and choir-based after-school program providing tuition-free, high-quality music education to children and youth with diverse backgrounds and needs. Deeply rooted in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, our commitment is to accessibility, community, and artistic excellence.



If you are enthusiastic about teaching cello and inspiring young musicians, we would love to hear from you!

Please send your resume and a brief introduction to our Maestro, Jose Ceron Ortega.

STARTING COMPENSATION RANGE (depending on experience)

\$48.08 per hour + 4% vacation pay (\$50.00) TO \$52.89 + 4% vacation pay (\$55.00)

Location: 303 East Cordova Street, V6A 1L4

Hours / Days:

- Wednesdays
- 2:55pm - 6:15pm (3.33 hours per day)
- Mid Sept 2026 - Mid June 2027

The work schedule approximately follows the VSB school schedule, therefore there are no classes when the school is closed (on public holidays, Hallowe'en, 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: **CELLO TEACHER APPLICATION**

Attention of: **Jose Ceron Ortega (Music Director of Orchestras)**

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.