



## String Academy 1, 2021-22 Season

**Introduction to String Academy:** In partnership with the 4J school district, and potentially other districts, our String Academy program introduces 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to strings, which is not offered in Eugene elementary schools. We work with music teachers and principals to arrange before or after school classes on site or online. We also work with the BEST after-school enrichment program to offer free classes for students attending low-income schools. For many students, this is the only opportunity they have for affordable, accessible strings classes. We provide all of the instruments, which have a very low rental fee. We also provide scholarships for program fees and instrument rentals based on federal guidelines for free and reduced meals. ESYO Instructors use Essential Elements for Strings book I, and students are responsible for the \$10 cost, and keep the book. All SA1 students learn the same songs, and the pace and curriculum is determined by the SA1 instructors as a group. Twice a year, students are offered a chance to perform for the public, whether it is online or in person. The history of this program has shown that students learn quickly, and play amazingly well after just a short time! After a year of strings, students can join String Academy 2, which offers a once a week rehearsal format.

### **SA1 Instructor Job Description**

- Teach ESYO's beginning String Academy 1 (SA1) class to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders before or after school, either online using Zoom or on-site when conditions permit.
- Work effectively with other SA1 instructors, ESYO staff, and school district administrators, teachers and classified personnel to ensure smooth operation of any activities related to the classes.
- Work with the SA1 team and the Executive Director to recruit and market for the SA1 class including some or all of the following:
  - Perform in SA1 recruitment concerts or prepare videos of the same.
  - Coordinate with administrators and teachers to give presentations or make videos for schools.
  - Attend PTO or back to school parent meetings for schools, giving presentations, answering questions, and/or staffing information tables when appropriate.
- Maintain accurate attendance records for your SA1 class(es) and update roster changes with ESYO office.
- Work with the Instrument Coordinator to distribute instruments for your class(es).
- Maintain accurate instrument check-out records for your class(es) and help collect instruments from the students at the end of school year.
- Fill out student evaluation forms for your SA1 class(es) when needed.
- Attend and help establish agenda for at least three SA1 staff meetings per year
- Attend and assist with all SA1 concerts for the year.
- Work with office staff to facilitate student registrations, distribute forms and notices to the class, and provide information for concert programs.
- Notify ED if employee must miss a class for any reason, find a suitable substitute or work with ED to make other arrangements.

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