



Music Teacher Position

Position Summary

The Alberta Classical Academy is now hiring a Music Teacher for the Currie campus in Calgary.

The Alberta Classical Academy is a public charter school authority that began operating in 2022, and now has three schools in Calgary and Edmonton. We offer an academically rigorous liberal arts education focused on developing “the knowledge, virtues, and habits befitting free citizens.” Among our program’s distinct features are: a smartphone-free environment; the use of traditional pedagogy and teacher-led classrooms; a rich curriculum centered on classical and enduring works of literature, philosophy, and art; a focus on character and the nurturing of virtues; a culture of friendship and leisure (*scholē*); and an explicit commitment to the pursuit of truth, beauty, and wisdom.

The Currie Barracks campus counts approximately 400 students from Kindergarten to Grade 8, with plans to expand to a full K-12 program in the coming years.

The Music Teacher will teach students from Grades 5-8 using both an instrumental and vocal framework. Class sizes are small, with approximately twelve students to a class. This, coupled with 80-minute classes, allows for targeted and meaningful instruction. The Music Teacher will also work with our artist-in-residence, world-class opera singer Andrea Hill, who will regularly support with vocal instruction. Unlike positions in other school jurisdictions, the Music Teacher of Calgary Classical Academy will teach only Music classes, and will not have to teach other classes in unrelated disciplines.

The Music Teacher will report to the Principal and Associate Principal, and will be responsible for meeting the expectations of the Education Act, the Alberta Teaching Quality Standard, and the Policies and Administrative Procedures of the Alberta Classical Academy.

Responsibilities

The Music Teacher is responsible for educating students in practical aspects of playing instruments and singing, as well as the theory and history of music. This year, we have been doing a wind ensemble format. Students will learn and perform a variety of vocal and instrumental repertoire, drawing heavily from the Western Classical music tradition. Students will listen to a variety of pieces from the Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and 20th century eras of music and distinguish between different stylistic traits of each period. Students will learn rudimentary theory, including music notation, time signatures, key signatures, intervals, and basic harmony. The Music Teacher is responsible for delivering and helping to develop this music curriculum.

The Music Teacher is responsible for working with the K-4 Music Teacher to plan and facilitate school performances, occasionally at weekly assemblies, and at the Spring Concert.

The Music Teacher is responsible for working with vendors such as Long & McQuade and/or St. John's Music to maintain music equipment and to facilitate instrument rentals to students.

Finally, the Music Teacher is encouraged to help plan off-site or on-site activities that will support and enrich students' learning and appreciation of music.

Qualifications:

The successful candidates will be highly motivated educators with the following qualities and skills:

- Knowledge of and demonstrated excellence in the craft of teaching music;
- A desire to support and raise up students in their learning;
- A strong understanding of effective and balanced assessment practices;
- A commitment to supporting students to achieve personal excellence and lead lives of virtue;
- An understanding of the classical liberal arts tradition, and of the ends it is meant to achieve;
- A strong desire to support and advance the philosophy and purpose of the Calgary Classical Academy;
- A strong sense of intellectual, moral, and aesthetic discernment;
- The ability to communicate clearly and persuasively;
- Excellent organizational skills;
- Intellectual seriousness and depth, and a commitment to learning for its own sake;

- Well-developed interpersonal skills to work collaboratively with students, staff, administration, parents and the community.
- Previous experience as a Music Teacher is an asset

Application Details:

Please send a CV and cover letter to Douglas.Mansfield@classicalacademy.ca.

In addition, please provide a response of no more than 400 words to ONE of the following questions:

- a) In your own words, explain why is music included among the classical liberal arts?
- b) What is the ultimate purpose of music instruction?
- c) Describe a thinker or philosopher who influenced your approach to teaching
- d) Is beauty an objective fact, or is it in the eye of the beholder?