



Music Resident Quartet Member for Educational Programs

About Friends of Chamber Music (FCM)

Friends of Chamber Music of Denver is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing world-class chamber music to the Denver area. Our education programs provide opportunities for young musicians and students to engage with and learn from professional musicians through performances, workshops, and mentorship opportunities. The Resident Quartet Program will be the cornerstone of engaging Northern Colorado's diverse population with diversified chamber music offerings in accessible spaces.

Position Overview

A Quartet Member – Education Programs will work collaboratively as part of a professional string quartet within FCM's Education Programs. This individual will help to deliver a variety of educational initiatives including school performances, masterclasses, student coaching, and community outreach activities. The Quartet Member will contribute to the development and execution of these programs while fostering a love for classical music in students and community members. Performances will be held throughout the Denver, Douglas, Arapahoe, and Jefferson County school districts.

Open Seats: Two Violins, One Viola, One Cello

Location: Denver, Colorado

Organization: Friends of Chamber Music (FCM)

Reports To: Director of Operations, Desiree Parrott-Alcorn

Schedule: FCM's Resident Strings Quartet will be performing and rehearsing sporadically during the school day throughout the school year. The Director of Operations will work with the quartet on scheduling performances. Rehearsals will be organized amongst the quartet. There may be additional events in the evening and on weekends that FCM will request the quartet to perform.

Compensation

Quartet members will be 1099 contractors to Friends of Chamber Music for the 2025-26 school year. Contracts will be reviewed for renewal annually.

- \$150/performance - Estimated 8-12 per school year
- \$50/rehearsal - Estimated 15-20 per school year

- \$30/hour for administrative time (preparation/debrief meetings) - As needed
- Mileage Reimbursement for Travel to Venues (\$0.64/mile)

**Additional administrative compensation will be available for the member of the Resident Quartet selected to be the Manager of the ensemble. The Manager will be responsible for scheduling, quality control, and the spokesperson for the ensemble to FCM.*

Key Responsibilities

- **Performances:** Participate in school concerts, community events, and outreach performances for young audiences and community members across Denver.
- **Educational Workshops:** Lead and engage in masterclasses, student coaching, and interactive music workshops for students ranging from beginner to advanced levels.
- **Mentorship:** Provide mentorship to young musicians, fostering an inclusive and inspiring learning environment.
- **Program Collaboration:** Work with the Education Programs Manager and other FCM staff to develop new educational content and tailor programming to meet the needs of diverse student groups.
- **Community Engagement:** Represent FCM and the quartet at community events, fostering relationships with schools, local arts organizations, and other stakeholders.
- **Repertoire Preparation:** Ensure thorough preparation and understanding of chamber music repertoire for all educational engagements, including rehearsals with the quartet as needed.

Qualifications

- **Musical Expertise:** A high level of proficiency on your instrument (violin, viola, or cello) with a strong background in chamber music performance.
- **Performance Experience:** Professional performance experience, preferably in a chamber music setting.
- **Passion for Education:** A strong passion for teaching, mentoring, and inspiring young musicians.
- **Dedication for Diversifying Audiences:** A belief that symphonic chamber music belongs to and can share the stories of all.
- **Communication Skills:** Excellent communication skills to engage with students, educators, and community members in an engaging, approachable, and professional manner.
- **Collaboration:** Ability to work well within a group, both as part of a quartet and in collaboration with FCM's staff, schools, and educational partners.
- **Flexibility:** Willingness to adapt to a variety of educational settings and community environments, including schools, informal gatherings, and digital platforms.
- **Commitment:** Ability to commit to a performance and workshop schedule during the academic year.

Additional Requirements

- Master's degree in music performance or equivalent experience.
- Previous teaching or performance outreach experience is preferred, but not required.
- Ability to travel to schools and venues within the Denver metro area.
- Fluency in Spanish, Mandarin, or Arabic is highly valued for communication with student groups.

How to Apply

All submissions for this position will be due by Thursday, Mar 27, 2025 by 5:00 PM.

Interested applicants should submit a resume and a continuous video, 10-15 minutes, containing the following:

- An introduction of yourself and why you are interested in the position
- A solo piece of your choosing that you introduce as if you are explaining the work to a group of kindergarten students
- Three orchestral excerpts of your choosing
- A funny or meaningful story for your musical experience that you think would be valuable to young musicians in their journey

Videos should be uploaded to a platform that can be viewed with a link (ex. Vimeo, YouTube, etc.).

Please send your resume and video link to FCM's Volunteer Hiring Coordinator, Whitney Luther at whitney@lutherstrings.com.

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