

POSITION DESCRIPTION
Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival

Title: Faculty Artist
Classification: Independent Contractor
Department: Faculty
Reports to: Executive & Artistic Director
Hours: Residence at Valparaiso University from Saturday, June 29, 2024 through Sunday, July 28, 2024

Position Overview

This independent contractor position serves as an instructor, performing artist, and ensemble participant at the Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival. Contractor is encouraged to participate fully in the LSM community.

Expectations

Instruction

- Schedule and provide private lessons for primary and secondary students. Primary students receive two ½ hour lessons weekly; secondary students receive one ½ hour lesson weekly.
- Coach chamber music.
- Oversee studio classes approximately once per week.
- Coach ensemble sectionals, as needed.
- Provide instruction, oversight, and mentorship to your studio Fellow.

Performance

- Perform as a soloist or with other LSM faculty artists in Faculty Artist recitals.
- Perform in faculty ensembles, as needed.
- Perform in the LSM Bach Cantata, Hymn Festival, and worship services, as needed.

LSM Advocacy

- Encourage students to attend LSM 2024, promoting LSM to your network, including potential students, teachers, parents, and other organizations.
- Take an active role to ensure year-to-year retention in your studio.
- Work with LSM admissions staff to engage potential students and families throughout the year.
- Attend and engage in all aspects of the LSM community, including attendance at daily worship services, recitals, and concerts.

Qualifications

- Bachelor’s degree in music or related field required. Advanced degree preferred.
- Significant performance experience.
- Significant teaching experience, preferably at the high school and/or college level.
- Ability to connect with potential LSM students.
- Organized with excellent time management skills and ability to problem-solve quickly.
- Willing and able to teach private lessons and instill an appreciation and understanding of music.
- Model tolerance to the variety of faith backgrounds and worship traditions at LSM.
- Understanding of and commitment to the mission of the organization.
- Ability to lift and/or carry displays and materials up to 25 pounds.

Compensation/Benefits

Independent contractor receives stipend and travel allowance at the conclusion of LSM. A private room (faculty apartment) and board at host college are also provided, if applicable. All offers are pending until the successful completion of a background check.

Apply

Interested candidates should send a resume, cover letter outlining qualifications, and three references to Thomas Bandar, Executive & Artistic Director, tbandar@lutheransummermusic.org. Candidates from diverse backgrounds, including familiarity with diverse repertoire and musical styles, are encouraged to apply.