



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT/DESCRIPTION

Midland Center for the Arts Midland, MI

Position Title: Piano Camp Instructor
Supervisor: Youth & Public Programs Manager
Classification: Temporary / Part Time / Non-exempt
Compensation: \$18.00/hour
Last Updated: April 2024

About Midland Center for the Arts

The Midland Center for the Arts is a cultural destination where people find meaning and connection in their busy lives. One of Michigan's largest non-profit arts organizations, the Center is a unique cultural complex located in the city of Midland, Michigan. The 275,000SF facility encompasses an auditorium theater (1500 seat) that presents touring Broadway and national artists and entertainers, a mid-sized theater (400 seat) for touring programs and locally-produced theater, a four-story hands-on, interactive museum of science and art, a historical campus, and an in-house community theater and professional regional symphony.

World-class entertainment and programming begins with sharing the stories and experiences that look like the world. At Midland Center for the Arts, we strive to create a workplace and patron experience where all people feel welcome and engaged. Our organization celebrates diversity in all of its forms while pursuing our mission as the cultural destination for the Great Lakes Bay Region. Our work reflects our community and our values as an inclusive and accessible home for art, science and history exploration. Our organization is committed to including voices of those varying in abilities, ages, ethnicities, gender identities & expressions, races, religions, sexual orientations, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Position Concept:

As the seasonal Piano Camp Instructor, you will be primarily responsible for the instruction of two week-long engaging and educational summer camp sessions. You will create a supportive and inclusive learning environment where campers of varying skill levels can develop their musical abilities and appreciation for the piano. Your role involves assisting in planning daily activities, teaching individual and group lessons, organizing an end-of-week performance, and providing encouraging feedback to help campers progress in their musical studies.

By creating a fun and supportive learning environment, you will help students develop their piano skills, confidence, and lifelong appreciation for music. If you are passionate about music education and enjoy working with young musicians, this role offers a rewarding opportunity to make a positive impact in the lives of aspiring pianists.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- **Lesson Planning:** Design comprehensive lesson plans that cater to the needs and skill levels of camp participants. Incorporate a variety of teaching methods, repertoire, and activities to keep lessons engaging and stimulating.
- **Instruction:** Deliver high-quality piano instruction to individuals and groups. Teach fundamental techniques, music theory, sight-reading, and repertoire selection. Provide constructive feedback and encouragement to help students improve their skills.

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- **Group Activities:** Organize group activities such as ensemble playing, music games, and workshops to enhance campers' musical experiences and foster a sense of community among participants.
- **Performance Opportunities:** Coordinate and facilitate opportunities for campers to showcase their talents through recitals, concerts, and informal performances. Help students prepare for performances by coaching them on stage presence, confidence, and musical interpretation.
- **Supervision:** Maintain a safe and supportive learning environment by monitoring campers during lessons and recreational activities. Ensure compliance with camp policies and procedures at all times.
- **Communication:** Communicate effectively with campers, parents, and camp staff regarding lesson plans, student progress, and any concerns or special accommodations. Provide regular updates and feedback to parents on their child's musical development.
- **Professional Development:** Stay informed about current trends and best practices in piano education. Continuously seek opportunities for professional growth and skill enhancement to enhance your effectiveness as an instructor.
- Attend all required meetings and trainings, including but not limited to: safety trainings, HR, and DEIA trainings.
- All other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Proficiency in playing the piano at an advanced level.
- Strong knowledge of music theory, technique, and repertoire across various musical styles.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Patience, enthusiasm, and a passion for music education.
- Ability to work collaboratively with colleagues in a camp setting.
- CPR and First Aid certification (preferred).

Education and Experience Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in music education, piano performance, or a related field preferred.
- Previous experience teaching piano lessons to students of all ages and skill levels.

Summer 2024 Camp Dates and Times:

Piano Camp: July 29th – August 2nd
(Grades 3rd – 5th) 8:30am – 12:30pm

Jr. Keyboard: August 5th – 9th
(Grades 1st – 2nd) 8:30am – 12:30pm