

Indian Hill Music School

Faculty Opening

Youth Choir Director, Musical Theatre teacher, and/or Beginner Choir teacher

Region: Central / Eastern Massachusetts

Category: Music Education / Performance

Type: Permanent, Part-Time

Indian Hill Music School, a non-profit community music school in Littleton, MA with a faculty of 60+ professional teaching artists, has openings beginning in the fall of 2018 for a **Youth Choir Director, Kids' Musical Theatre Workshop teacher, and a Beginner Choir teacher** to shape and lead our programs for young singers. These positions could be filled by a single individual or by multiple artist-educators.

These three programs will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday afternoons (one program each day) beginning at 4:30pm starting the week of October 1, 2018. Each particular program's assigned day will be determined in part by the availability of the chosen candidate(s). Pending available studio space and the approval of our Voice Department Chair, faculty members leading any of the above programs may also be eligible to teach private voice lessons at Indian Hill Music before and/or after a given day's group program.

The **Youth Choir Director** at Indian Hill Music has as his or her primary responsibility the education, training, and artistic leadership of our evolving Youth Choir program. The Youth Choir should be a dynamic, inclusive, and rigorous ensemble experience for young singers, ages 8-13, from around our region. The Director is expected to inspire and motivate students, to use rehearsal time effectively, and to guide the ensemble toward a high standard of performance. Expertise in age-appropriate repertoire that will engage and motivate Youth Choir students is required, as is specific expertise in vocal technique and/or vocal training. The Director should be a capable pianist, and should make an effort to recruit students into the ensemble. The group will have weekly 90-minute rehearsals and will perform at least twice per year at Indian Hill Music, as well as out in the community. The Youth Choir is not an auditioned group, and is geared toward motivated young singers in our region who seek to augment their school-based choral experiences.

The **Beginner Choir teacher** will lead a weekly hour-long class of enthusiastic young singers, ages 6-8. This program serves as a feeder into our Youth Choir program, instilling in the students both strong vocal foundations and a love of singing in a group. Expertise in age-appropriate repertoire and activities that will engage and motivate the students is required, as is experience with and a love for teaching children in this particular age group, as well as expertise in vocal technique and/or vocal training. Some piano skills are also required. The Beginner Choir will have multiple performance opportunities to demonstrate for family and friends what they have accomplished.

The **Kids' Musical Theatre Workshop teacher** will lead a weekly 75-minute class for students ages 8-13, where he or she will be responsible for leading the students in planning and creating a small-scale musical theatre production each season. Informal performances for family and friends will be held in the winter and spring. The goal of this class is to give students a casual yet high-quality musical theatre experience with

informal culminating events that are rewarding for the students and demonstrate the high quality of instruction that is being provided. Some piano skills are required, as is specific expertise in vocal technique and/or vocal training.. Accompaniment and/or classroom support will be provided if significant student enrollment is in place.

All faculty members at Indian Hill Music report to the Director of Education, and work closely with the Class and Ensemble Manager as well. Indian Hill Music faculty members must maintain good interpersonal working relationships with students, families, colleagues, and Indian Hill Music staff, while following all policies and procedures of the organization.

Ideal candidates should have an advanced degree in music, a minimum of three years of relevant teaching experience, and must be energized by working with motivated young singers and leading them in an engaging and robust group experience. Candidates must have a working knowledge of appropriate literature for their program(s), as well as the ability to demonstrate effective and efficient rehearsal technique and time management.

Indian Hill Music faculty members are responsible for: 1) inspiring and sharing their love of music with their students; 2) setting a high bar for students' levels of technical skill and musicality; 3) clearly communicating expectations and working toward shared goals; and 4) advocating, as appropriate, for their students to engage in additional IHM programs to deepen their musical development and their commitment to their studies.

Indian Hill offers many ancillary benefits to our faculty members, including the potential for a variety of paid professional performance opportunities and funding for professional development (by application). Regular weekly teaching throughout the school year is required, as is attendance at our September faculty meeting and the completion of occasional clerical tasks. Timeliness and reliability, as well as strong communication practices with both students/families and school staff, are essential.

Compensation: Commensurate with experience

Please send your resume and any other supporting materials to Pete Robbins, Director of Education, at probbins@indianhillmusic.org with the name of the position(s) for which you are applying listed in the subject line.