



2017-18 Volunteer Information

About Paterson Music Project:

The Paterson Music Project is an El Sistema-Inspired after school music program in Paterson, NJ. This is a program of the Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts that currently serves almost 300 elementary school students at the Community Charter School of Paterson, School 1, School 26, School 15, and Norman S Weir. Our Mission is to use music as a vehicle for social change, by empowering and inspiring children through the community experience of ensemble learning and playing.

This music program is inspired by “El Sistema”, a national youth orchestra program in Venezuela that uses music a vehicle for social change and has become a worldwide movement. Four fundamentals that guide our work are:

- Community
- Empowerment
- Musical excellence
- Frequent performance

When: September 18, 2017-June 1, 2018, weekdays from 4:00PM-6:00PM

Where:

Paterson Music Project has 4 sites that offer music classes during the week and a Saturday Program. Below are the sites and the instruments we offer:

- Elementary Strings, Choir, Percussion: Community Charter School of Paterson, 75 Spruce Street
 - Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- Elementary Strings, Choir, Percussion: School 1, 1 East 32 Street
 - Every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday
- Middle School Strings
 - Every Tuesday and Thursday: Community Charter School of Paterson, 137 Ellison Street
- Middle School Band
 - Every Wednesday and Thursday: Norman S. Weir, 152 College Blvd.
- Saturday Community Programs
 - Every Saturday – Location TBD
 - Orchestra from 9:30AM-10:45PM, Advanced Percussion from 10:50-11:50AM



What to expect:

Volunteers are a great way to ensure that students receive individual attention during group classes, especially during instrumental instruction. At times you may be an observer and at times you may be asked to jump in and help a student with their music, tune an instrument, or play in orchestra.

How Often Should I Come?

The more consistently you visit, the better you will know how the program works and feel comfortable working with the students and teachers in the classroom. We would love to have volunteers visit weekly, but if you can only visit once or twice in the month, you are still welcome! We know people have busy schedules, so we do appreciate when you make the time to visit and work with our students in whatever capacity is possible for you.

A Couple of Guidelines:

- Always ask the lead teacher in the room how you can help.
- Follow the lead teacher's cues. If they are asking for attention, encourage students to stop talking and lead by example. If a teacher is asking for good bow holds or posture, go around the room and quietly help students.
- Learn the students' names and get to know them.
- Direct any sort of behavior management to the lead teacher. You can let the lead teacher know if there is an issue with a student.
- Please dress appropriately. You do not have to dress up, but no spaghetti straps, short shorts, or athletic wear.

How to Sign Up:

Please fill out the attached form and return to Associate Program Director Shanna Lin at Shanna.Lin@whartonarts.org to set up your first visit. For more information, call Shanna directly at 908-630-7023.



Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts

2017-18 Volunteer Application

Please complete the application below and submit to Associate Program Director Shanna Lin at Shanna.Lin@whartonarts.org

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Grade/Age: _____

What is your availability to volunteer? How many days per week would you like to come? Are there any weeks you can't come?

What instrument(s) do you play? _____ Years Played: _____

Have you volunteered at PMP before? _____

Please list any ensemble and/or teaching experience: