



Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts

2016-2017 Volunteer Information

When: September 19, 2016-June 2, 2017, weekdays from 4:00PM-6:00PM

Where:

- Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday – 75 Spruce St. (violin, viola, cello, bass, musicianship/percussion)
- Every Tuesday and Thursday – 137 Ellison St. (violin, viola, cello, bass, flute, clarinet, trumpet, percussion)
- Every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday – PS1/26 (E. 32nd St.) (violin, viola, cello, musicianship/percussion)
- Every Saturday – PS1/26 (E. 32nd St.) (Orchestra from 9:30AM-10:45PM, Advanced Percussion from 10:50-11:50AM)

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 over 200 elementary school students at the Community Charter School of Paterson, School 1, and School 26. 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. Four fundamentals that guide our work are:

- Community
- Empowerment
- Musical excellence
- Frequent performance

What to expect:

Mentors 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 mentors come 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.

How to Sign Up: Please fill out the application 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. Finally please see our guidelines page.



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

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Grade/Age: _____

What is your availability to mentor this summer? 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 mentored at PMP before? _____

Please list any ensemble and/or teaching experience:



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 don't have to dress up, but no spaghetti straps, short shorts, or athletic wear.