

About Midori & Friends: Midori & Friends is a renowned music education organization committed to providing exceptional music experiences to young students in underserved communities. Our mission is to inspire and enrich the lives of children through the transformative power of music. Our ***Celebrate! Music*** programs offer interactive assembly-style concerts in public schools, combining engaging performances with educational elements to introduce students to music and culture from all around the world.

We aim to foster a love for music and diverse cultures while providing valuable educational content in a fun and interactive manner. We do this both through live performances and interactive workshops with skilled Teaching Artists. These experiences allow students to deepen their understanding of specific musical traditions and gain a firsthand appreciation for cultures around the globe. ***Celebrate! Music*** cultivates students' curiosity and broadens their horizons, ultimately becoming more well-rounded individuals with a deep appreciation for the world around them.

Job Description: Midori & Friends is seeking talented and dynamic music ensembles to join our ***Celebrate! Music*** ensemble roster. As a performer/educator, you will have the unique opportunity to deliver interactive assembly-style concerts in public schools, engaging students in a lively musical experience while teaching them fundamental concepts such as rhythm, tempo, genre, style and more! You will be responsible for creating an engaging and educational atmosphere that sparks curiosity, creativity, and a love for music among students.

Responsibilities:

- Perform interactive assembly-style concerts in public schools, captivating, inspiring and educating students through music.
- Develop and implement engaging educational content, incorporating these educational touchpoints into the performances.
- Teach students about various musical instruments, their sounds, and how they contribute to your ensemble's unique style of performance.
- Encourage student participation and engagement through call-and-response activities, sing-alongs, and interactive demonstrations.
- Adapt presentations to the age and grade level of students, ensuring content is accessible and engaging to diverse audiences.
- Collaborate with school staff and teachers to align the concert content with the school's curriculum and educational objectives, when possible.
- Collaborate with M&F staff and teaching artists to develop curriculum and workshops that correspond with your ensemble's performances; providing continued learning opportunities for students.
- Attend training sessions and workshops to enhance your skills as a performer/educator and stay updated on best practices in music education.

Requirements:

- A talented and skilled musical ensemble with a passion for education and performance.
- Willingness to travel extensively throughout New York City, occasionally for early morning performances.
- Strong knowledge of rhythm, tempo, genre, and style and the ability to effectively teach these concepts to students of all ages in a fun and engaging way.
- Experience working with children and delivering educational programming in a lively and interactive manner.
- Excellent communication and presentation skills to engage and connect with students of different ages, backgrounds, and diverse representations of culture and ethnicity.
- Reliable and professional, with a strong commitment to punctuality and meeting performance obligations.

How to Apply: Please submit the following documents to Jobs@midoriandfriends.org with "Celebrate Music Ensemble" as the subject of your email.

- A brief overview of your ensemble, including the number of performers, instruments played, and musical repertoire.
- Your ensemble's performance/demo video showcasing your musical talent and ability to engage an audience.
- A cover letter expressing your interest in the Music Ensemble Performer/Educator role at Midori & Friends.
- Any additional materials or references that highlight your experience in delivering educational performances.

Join the Midori & Friends team and help inspire a new generation of music lovers through interactive and educational concerts. We look forward to reviewing your application!