



Job Posting:
Saturday Group Music Lesson Instructor
HCA Music School: Early Arts Program

Location: Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts, 126 James Street South, Hamilton

Schedule: Saturdays, January – June, 2026

Start Date: Saturday, January 10, 2026

Pay Rate: Rate of pay to be negotiated based on experience

We are seeking one (1) experienced and enthusiastic musician to join our Saturday Music School program in 2026! This role is ideal for a dynamic, enthusiastic music instructor who is invested in working with young children and their families to develop foundational musical skills.

Yamaha Music Education System (herein referred to as YMES) Group Lesson Instructor

We are hiring a music instructor to lead our Music Wonderland, Junior Music Course 1, and Junior Music Course 2 group music classes.

Music Wonderland is a group music class for children ages 3-4 at the start of the school year. We classify it as a 'music exploration' class. It involves singing together, moving to the beat, listening to music, story time with music, and keyboard exploration.

Junior Music Course 1 is a group keyboarding class for children ages 4-5 at the start of the school year. This class trains students to play keyboard. It also incorporates listening, singing lyrics, singing solfege, ear training, and music theory.

Junior Music Course 2 is a group keyboarding class for children ages 5-6 at the start of the school year. It builds on the skills learned in JMC1 while providing more challenging harmonies, melodies, and more.

Responsibilities:

- Learn the lesson materials (lyrics, accompaniment, solfege, teaching approaches)
- Prepare weekly lesson plans in advance of each lesson
- Create & provide "At-Home Practice Tracker" handouts for JMC1 and JMC2 students
- Communicate classroom expectations with students' families
- Show up 30 minutes before the start of Saturday classes to ensure adequate prep time

- Teach the classes
- Relay any teacher-parent communications through Front Desk admin email account
- Provide feedback to the Music School Coordinator in a timely manner as needed

Professional Development:

- In order to teach group music classes using the YMES method, the instructor must receive official training and certification from Yamaha Canada Music Ltd.
- Training is provided at no extra cost to the instructor; it supplies the skills and knowledge necessary to facilitate YMES group classes.
- In order to qualify for this training, the instructor must pass a Teacher Candidate Evaluation (TCE) held on-site at the HCA.
- The TCE is a test designed to assess if a teacher would do well in the Yamaha Music Education System. It involves solfege singing, demonstration of teaching skills, lyric singing with actions, and performance of repertoire from RCM Level 9 or higher.

Qualifications:

- Post Secondary degree or diploma in music (required)
- Completion of RCM Level 9 or Currently working on RCM Level 10 or ARCT (required)
- Able to sight read music (required)
- Willing and able to sing on pitch using the fixed-DO solfege system (required)
- Comfortable using Google Docs or Microsoft Word (required)
- Previous experience working with young children (beneficial but not required)

To Apply

Please send your resume and a short cover letter outlining your relevant experience and interest in the role to info@hcarts.ca, directed to Sihaam Veldman. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

Future Employment

Please note there is the possibility of continued employment in this role during the following years. In addition, the HCA prioritizes providing growth opportunities for its existing instructors.