



**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, 2025

**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](mailto: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.