

Music Instructor

Part-Time | Weekday Evenings and/or Saturday Mornings | \$20 to \$25/hour | Des Plaines, IL

Our mission: Building Community through the Arts. Every student who walks through our doors matters.

As we enter our 22nd season, we're looking for an instructor who believes music is about more than learning notes. It's about helping children build confidence, curiosity, perseverance, and a lifelong love of making music.

The Seat You'd Own

You give kids their first real relationship with music: the moment a note clicks, a rhythm lands, a shy student plays their first song for a parent. Whether you're teaching private piano or leading a room of young musicians, you're the reason students discover that making music is something they can do and love.

Opportunities Available

- **Private Piano Instructor:** Teach beginning to intermediate students ages 6 to 15. Focus on reading music, rhythm, note values, ear training, sight-reading, and technique.
- **Group Music Instructor:** Teach ages 2 to 9 using the Music FunTime curriculum. Create an engaging, hands-on classroom experience. We provide comprehensive Music FunTime training, curriculum, and ongoing support.

What You'll Own (Outcomes)

- **Student progress:** Move students forward with clear, age-appropriate instruction they can feel proud of.
- **Classroom experience:** Create fun, organized lessons that students look forward to each week.
- **Student growth:** Build confidence, respect, and kindness alongside musical skill. Know their names.
- **Team contribution:** Show up prepared & on time, communicate clearly & professionally, accept feedback, and collaborate with the AMA team.

How Success Is Measured

- **Student Retention:** Students are excited to attend lessons consistently, continue progressing, and families remain enrolled season after season.
- **Parent Experience:** Parents trust you, feel informed, and recommend AMA to others.
- **Student Growth:** Students demonstrate measurable musical progress appropriate to their age and level.
- **Lesson Excellence:** Lessons are engaging, organized, and aligned with the AMA curriculum and teaching philosophy.
- **Professionalism:** You are dependable, punctual, communicative, and a positive contributor to the AMA team.

Why This Matters

Our families don't just enroll in music lessons. They're trusting us to help their children discover confidence, creativity, and the joy of making music. The right instructor helps students believe in themselves, celebrate their progress, and develop a lifelong love of music. As an AMA instructor, you help make that happen.

You're a Perfect Fit If You

- LOVE the performing arts and love working with children.
- Believe in fostering confidence, respect, and kindness in every student.
- Are dependable, professional, creative, and punctual.
- Bring enthusiasm and positive energy to every class.
- See every child, celebrate every victory, and make every student feel like they belong.

What We're Looking For

- 2+ years of experience teaching private piano.
- 1+ year of experience working with young children in a group setting.
- Background in music education or performance is a plus.

The Details

- **Pay:** \$20 to \$25/hour, based on experience.
- **Schedule:** Weekday evenings and/or Saturday mornings.
- **Season:** 2026-2027 season (August 2026 start).
- **Requirements:** Must be authorized to work in the U.S. Background check and child safety clearances required.

Why You'll Love Teaching at AMA

- A supportive, encouraging atmosphere built on teamwork.
- Comprehensive Music FunTime training, a proven curriculum, and ongoing coaching from our leadership team.
- Professional music classrooms that are well-stocked with engaging teaching resources, including maracas, worksheets, hand drums, rhythm sticks, scarves, flashcards, crafts, manipulatives, and games that bring every lesson to life.
- Opportunities to teach both private and group lessons while growing your schedule over time.
- Student performances and community events that celebrate every musician's progress.
- Proud member of More Than Just Great Dancing®, 2022 Member of the Year.

How to Apply

Ready to join the AMA team?

Complete our online employment application, which includes a few questions, a short introductory video, and a place to upload your resume and cover letter.

Start Your Application: AmaClasses.com/employment