



P O R T S M O U T H A B B E Y S C H O O L

Title: Instrumental Music Director
Department(s): Music Department
Reports to: Director of Music
FLSA Status: Part-time, Faculty

About Portsmouth Abbey School

Portsmouth Abbey School is a coeducational Catholic boarding and day school for students in grades 9 through 12. Founded in 1926 by the English Benedictine Congregation, the School is located on a 525-acre campus along Rhode Island's Narragansett Bay, less than 30 minutes south of Providence and 20 minutes from Newport. Portsmouth Abbey combines a classical education in the Catholic intellectual tradition with Benedictine values. With 350 students, the School believes that the love of learning leads to the desire for God, and that the quest for intellectual understanding propels students to the search for ultimate meaning. The School is known for encouraging students to engage passionately in academic and intellectual pursuits, innovative electives and extensive opportunities in athletics and the performing and visual arts as well as a commitment to service and a focus on things that matter. Students are inspired to become the next generation's leaders, stewards, innovators and problem solvers all the while grounded in Benedictine values of love of God and neighbor, humility, hospitality and a desire to serve the common good.

Preparing & Teaching:

1. **Sinfonia Orchestra** - An ensemble of 9-12th graders with a variety of experience. The ensemble includes strings, winds, brass, & percussion. This full symphony orchestra performs at the end of each trimester and at special events throughout the year.
2. **Chamber Music** - This after-school activity meets daily during the term. Students work on independent repertoire and ensemble works. The teacher will coach and rehearse ensembles and solos while preparing students for performances at the end of the term and a variety of honors auditions.
3. **Modern Band Ensemble** - This ensemble teaches students to play, perform, improvise, and compose using popular music. The teacher will guide students through the process of learning songs as a group and will coach the group in performance techniques, style characteristics, and ensemble skills.

Other Responsibilities:

- Encourage enrollment in the private lesson program. Explore and create performance opportunities for these students.
- Collaborate with the department chair, director, and other department members to plan performances, programs, visiting artists, & trips.



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- Manage the procurement and maintenance of musical instruments and related equipment.
- Promote a culture of excellence and teamwork within the performing arts program.
- Mentor and support students in their musical growth and academic achievements.
- Integrating practice, refinement of skills, sharing, and interpretation of music into curriculum and program culture.
- Encourage and lead students in preparation for RIMEA all-state events and other auditions.

Qualifications:

- BA/BS degree in Music Performance or Music Education, Masters degree preferred.
- Demonstrated experience in teaching instrumental music and proficiency with orchestral instruments. The ideal candidate should be an experienced instrumentalist.
- Expertise in a variety of musical styles and proficiency in conducting.
- Knowledge of contemporary music and modern band teaching methods.
- Excellent collaborator and promoter of the program. Excellent communicator with peers and parents.
- A love for working with growing musicians and the ability to create a challenging and rewarding learning environment.
- Member of the RI Music Educators Association or similar professional organization.

Time Commitment: Approximately 2:30-5:30 PM daily. One weekly evening rehearsal, and occasional evening events.

Other Qualifications:

- All prospective employees must be able to clear a background check.

Benefits to include:

Salary: Commensurate with experience and education.

Position open until filled.

Please email a letter of interest and resume to:

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Dean of Faculty

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No phone calls please.