

Position Available
**LEAD WOODWIND
TEACHING ARTIST**
Starting immediately in Pontiac, MI

ACCENT PONTIAC
Social Change Through Music in Pontiac, MI

Position: Lead Woodwind Teaching Artist

Reports to: Education Director

Compensation: \$50/hr for teaching. Stipend for meetings, concerts, field trips, and professional development.

Classification: Hourly Employee

Hours: ~8 hrs/week, mid March 2023-June 2024 with potential for extension through summer 2024 and beyond.

Schedule: Programming takes place Mondays through Thursdays, 3:30pm - 6:00pm. Actual teaching hours vary within that range.

Location: Pontiac Middle/High School

Start Date: Immediately





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About Accent Pontiac: Accent Pontiac's mission is to strengthen Pontiac's youth and community through equitable access to intensive and consistent music making. Accent Pontiac is an El Sistema-inspired during and after-school music program that use music as a vehicle for social change. The pilot program launched in January 2017, serving a cohort of 75 students in bucket band during the school day and a cohort of 30 students in brass class after-school. We currently serve over 250 students in weekly percussion, brass, and woodwind classes. Accent Pontiac is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Learn more at www.accentpontiac.org.

Job Summary: The Lead Woodwind Teaching Artist teaches mixed woodwind group classes during after-school hours to elementary and middle school-aged students in accordance with the mission and educational goals of the Accent Pontiac program. The Lead Woodwind Teaching Artist supports works with the Assistant Teacher to ensure the highest quality woodwind experience for students and will teach woodwind playing fundamentals as well as general musicianship skills. They collaborate with other faculty, as well as facilitate positive individual, family, and community growth through guidance and role modeling.

Application Instructions: Please submit a cover letter and resume to Accent Pontiac's Education Director, Dr. Tia Harvey, at tharvey@accentpontiac.org. Applications are currently being received on a rolling basis and candidates will be contacted based on openings and qualifications. Finalists will be asked to demonstrate teaching and rehearsal skills at the interview.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN
JOINING THE ACCENT PONTIAC TEAM!





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Responsibilities include:

- **Lead combined woodwind classes of 15-25 elementary and/or middle school-aged students focused on:**
 - **Creating strong fundamentals focusing on tone production & playing by ear**
 - **Developing students' ability to sing in tune and match pitch**
 - **Cultivating students' soloist, ensemble, and improvisational skills**
 - **Familiarizing and energizing students in multiple genres of woodwind repertoire through playing and listening, including culturally relevant repertoire**
 - **Developing social skills in students**
- **Hold students to high artistic standards, cultivating students' soloist, ensemble, and improvisational skills**
- **Prepare and rehearse students for selected concerts and events**
- **Attend and assist in concerts and off-campus performances**
- **Participate as a chaperone for music-oriented field trips**
- **Maintain good lines of communication with all constituents**
- **Attend staff meetings and professional development workshops as required**

The ideal candidate will possess:

- **Desire to be a motivational mentor and role model for Accent Pontiac students and community**
- **Experience teaching elementary and/or middle school music education**
- **Experience working in urban environments**
- **Fine pedagogical skills on woodwind instruments**
- **Strong knowledge of woodwind repertoire, curriculum, and pedagogy**
- **Ability to compose socially relevant music with students**
- **Ability to foster strong improvisation skills**
- **Strong classroom management skills**
- **Ability to work effectively with children of diverse backgrounds**
- **Strong commitment to the philosophy of social change through music**
- **Flexibility and ability to work collaboratively**
- **High level of professionalism and excellent interpersonal skills**

