

Griffon String Quartet Cello Position Job Description

Midsummer's Music - Green Bay & Door County, Wisconsin

Position Summary

The Griffon String Quartet is the resident ensemble of Midsummer's Music, a nationally recognized chamber music organization serving Northeast Wisconsin. The Quartet presents professional performances, educational programs, community engagement initiatives, and private instruction throughout Door County, Green Bay, and surrounding communities.

This full-time residency combines artistic excellence, teaching, community leadership, and creative entrepreneurship. Members of the Quartet serve as performers, educators, mentors, and cultural ambassadors, helping fulfill Midsummer's Music's mission to enrich lives through chamber music.

The position follows the academic year (September through May), with opportunities for summer festival participation through separate arrangements.

Midsummer's Music seeks an outstanding cellist to join the resident Griffon String Quartet, a full-time professional chamber ensemble serving Northeast Wisconsin.

The Griffon String Quartet is the resident ensemble of Midsummer's Music and performs throughout Green Bay, Door County, and surrounding communities. The Quartet combines artistic excellence with innovative programming designed to inspire audiences of all ages.

This residency position requires musicians who are equally passionate about performance, teaching, community building, and arts advocacy.

About the Griffon String Quartet

The Griffon String Quartet serves as the featured ensemble of Midsummer's Music and the Green Bay Chamber Music Society. The ensemble presents more than 100 performances and educational events annually and collaborates with schools, libraries, senior living communities, museums, arts organizations, and community partners throughout the region.

The Quartet's mission is to enrich lives through exceptional chamber music performances, educational experiences, and meaningful community engagement.

Primary Responsibilities

Performance

- Rehearse and perform as a member of the Griffon String Quartet.
- Present formal chamber music concerts throughout the season.
- Participate in collaborative performances with guest artists and partner organizations.
- Assist in artistic planning and repertoire selection.
- Maintain a high standard of professional preparation and performance.

Education

- Teach private string lessons to students of varying ages and skill levels.
- Coach chamber music ensembles and small group classes.
- Present school programs, demonstrations, and masterclasses.
- Assist with student recruitment and retention efforts.
- Mentor young musicians and foster a positive learning environment.

Community Engagement

- Represent Midsummer's Music and the Griffon String Quartet at community events.
- Present educational and interactive programs for audiences of all ages.
- Perform in libraries, museums, senior living communities, schools, and other community venues.
- Support programs focused on health and wellness, including initiatives serving individuals with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and caregivers.
- Build relationships with community partners and stakeholders.

Organizational Support

- Participate in promotional activities, media appearances, and donor events as requested.
- Assist with audience development and community outreach efforts.
- Contribute ideas for innovative programming and strategic growth.
- Serve as an ambassador for Midsummer's Music and chamber music throughout the region.

Qualifications

Required

- Master's degree in music performance or equivalent professional experience.
- Exceptional instrumental proficiency and chamber music skills.
- Demonstrated ability to teach students of varying ages and levels.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively within a professional ensemble.
- U.S. citizenship, permanent residency, or authorization to work in the United States.

Preferred

- Previous chamber music residency experience.
- Experience teaching both private lessons and chamber ensembles.
- Interest in community engagement and audience development.
- Entrepreneurial spirit and willingness to help grow innovative arts programming.

Compensation and Benefits

- Annual stipend: approximately \$44,500, commensurate with experience and responsibilities.
- One-year renewable contract.
- School-year residency schedule (September–May).
- Opportunities for summer festival participation and additional performance engagements.
- Professional development opportunities.
- Collaborative and supportive artistic environment.

Residency Requirement

Musicians are expected to reside in Northeast Wisconsin, with primary activity centered in the Green Bay and Door County regions.

Desired Personal Characteristics

Successful candidates will demonstrate:

- Artistic excellence
- Professionalism and reliability
- Curiosity and creativity
- Commitment to education
- Community-minded leadership
- Flexibility and adaptability
- Enthusiasm for chamber music advocacy

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