



Volunteer Opportunity: Instrument Petting Zoo

Sistema Toronto is seeking volunteers to help with Sistema Toronto's participation in the Harbourfront Centre's Junior Festival.

Location: Harbourfront Centre
539 Queens Quay West, Toronto

Schedule: The festival takes place on Saturday, May 18 through Monday, May 20. There will be six shifts available for volunteers. If you are interested, please indicate which of the following six shifts you are available for.

- (1) Saturday, May 18: 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- (2) Saturday, May 18: 2:30 PM - 6:30 PM
- (3) Sunday, May 19: 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- (4) Sunday, May 19: 2:30 PM - 6:30 PM
- (5) Monday, May 20: 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- (6) Monday, May 20: 2:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Position Description

Sistema Toronto will be hosting an "Instrument Petting Zoo" at the Harbourfront Centre's Junior Festival. The purpose of our booth is to welcome kids and their families, share information about Sistema Toronto, and provide an opportunity for kids to try out instruments. We are putting together a team of staff and volunteers to host the booth and create a fun experience for guests curious about playing a musical instrument and interested in learning more about Sistema Toronto.

Volunteers will help children learn about musical instruments, participate in colouring activities, and take a 5-minute introductory lesson on violin, cello, or percussion. This lesson will include things like learning the parts of the instrument, how to hold the instrument/bow, and how to produce sound.

Requirements

These volunteer positions are best suited to individuals with some knowledge of violin, cello, or percussion (hand percussion, drums, xylophone/glockenspiel). Though volunteers do not have to be advanced musicians, approximately Grade 6 RCM (or equivalent) is preferred.

Volunteers should be strong communicators, out-going, and comfortable talking to children and families. They should also be reliable and responsible team players.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Sistema Toronto can sign off on the volunteer hours for students that need to fulfill volunteer hour requirements and we can provide letters of reference as needed.

About Sistema Toronto

Sistema Toronto provides musical and intellectual opportunities to children in vulnerable communities, with the goal of transformative social change. We work with 275 students ages 6-13 in neighbourhoods with some of Toronto's highest child poverty rates – Parkdale, Jane-Finch, and East Scarborough. Sistema Toronto students learn together in orchestras, percussion ensembles, and choirs while developing important life skills like problem solving, empathy, and communication. We provide students with instruction with professional musicians, instruments, performance opportunities, and a daily nutritious snack all at no cost to participants' families. For more information, visit www.sistema-toronto.ca.

How to Apply

If you are interested in supporting Sistema Toronto as a Junior Festival volunteer, please email hilary.johnston@sistema-toronto.ca to introduce yourself. In your email, please include information about your **musical background** and **availability**.