

## AMFS AfterWorks – Strings Teaching Artist

Founded in 1949, the Aspen Music Festival and School is regarded as one of the top classical music festivals in the United States, noted for its concert programming and its training of mostly young-adult music students. The typical eight-week summer season includes more than 400 classical music events - including concerts by three orchestras, solo and chamber music performances, fully staged opera productions, master classes, lectures, and children's programming - and attracts 70,000 audience members. The Aspen Music Festival and School's Education and Community programs offer a broad spectrum of the highest quality music education experiences to students and families in Colorado's Roaring Fork Valley (Aspen to Glenwood Springs), including in-school and after-school programming during the school year, plus family events, children's camps, and in-depth musical study for students in grades 1-12 during the summer.

### Overview

The Aspen Music Festival and School (AMFS) seeks a dynamic and passionate strings educator to join our Education and Community Programming team as a Teaching Artist. This part-time, seasonal role involves strings teaching in AMFS after-school programs from October 1, 2025, through May 15, 2026.

The ideal candidate will be committed to nurturing young musicianship, fostering collaborative skills, and inspiring a love of music through age-appropriate, engaging string pedagogy. This role offers a meaningful opportunity to make a direct impact on the Roaring Fork Valley community.

### Position Elements

#### Beginning Strings (After-School Program)

- Teach group strings classes (violin, viola, cello, and double bass) to elementary students
- Create a welcoming and supportive learning environment
- Collaborate with fellow Teaching Artists and AMFS Staff to align curriculum and performances
- Approximate Schedule: Mondays, 3-5 PM (Aspen); Tuesdays, 3:15–5:15 PM (Glenwood Springs), Wednesdays, 1:45–3:45 PM (Basalt/Glenwood Springs); Thursdays, 3:15–5:15 PM (Carbondale/Glenwood Springs)
- Up to 8 hours of teaching per week

#### Chamber Music Lab (After-School Program)

- Coach small chamber ensembles of beginning to intermediate string students
- Develop ensemble skills, rehearsal techniques, and musical interpretation
- Support student growth through regular feedback and support performance opportunities
- Approximate Schedule: 1-2 hours/week, scheduled adjacent to Beginning Strings classes (above) or on Monday/Friday afternoons/evenings

### **Private Lessons**

- Teach private lessons to Beginning Strings and Chamber Music Lab students
- Flexible scheduling based on teaching artist and student/family availability

### **Additional Information**

The work schedule may vary and will be determined between the candidate and AMFS staff. A scheduling example includes:

- Weekly Beginning Strings classes: 3-4 group classes (2 hours each) at designated Beginning Strings school locations
- Weekly Chamber Music Lab coachings: 1-3 ensembles (1 hour each) at designated Chamber Music Lab school locations
- Private lessons scheduled at times that work for the candidate and students (most often during after school hours, evenings, and/or weekends)
- 2-3 evening performances per year
- 2-3 staff meetings per year

### **Candidate Profile**

The ideal candidate will have a music degree or relevant experience and demonstrate:

- A passion for classical music or other performing arts and a commitment to non-profit arts organizations
- Proficiency in instrumental music performance on violin, viola, cello, and/or double bass
- Strong knowledge of string pedagogy methods (Suzuki or similar training preferred)
- Proven teaching or coaching experience with elementary/middle school students
- Effective classroom management and culturally responsive teaching practices
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively within a teaching team
- Reliable transportation for travel between teaching sites in the Roaring Fork Valley (Aspen to Glenwood Springs)

### **Compensation Overview**

- Seasonal, part-time position (October 1, 2025 - May 15, 2026)
- 10-15 hours per week, excluding school breaks and holidays
- Hours based on a combination of group instruction and private lessons
- Weekday, afternoon availability required
- Hourly rate of \$60-80, commensurate with experience

### **How to Apply**

To apply, please submit a current resume and brief cover letter detailing your teaching philosophy and relevant experience, to Heather Kendrick Stanton, Vice President for Education and Community Programs:

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