

OPUS Chamber Music Camp (HYBRID/VIRTUAL)

August 1 – August 6, 2022 &

Training, Progress Check Coordination in 2nd half of July 2022

IN-PERSON @North Central College (expected)



TEACHING ASSISTANT APPLICATION

Job Description: This position offers college-age students/recent college graduates a unique opportunity to learn, by observing outstanding teachers who are passionate about sharing their pedagogics and love of chamber music. Teaching Assistants (TAs) at the OPUS Camp are *not* required to be college music majors, but are proficient on **violin, viola, cello, contrabass, piano**, (or clarinet, flute, or classical guitar if there are such campers.) This position is best described as **“Teaching Assistant/Camp Counselor”**. TAs coordinate **“Before Camp Progress Checks”** between faculty and students, and help faculty in coaching sessions by taking notes, tuning instruments, turning pages, playing campers’ parts with them, helping them count, and working individually with campers at the direction of the faculty. Teaching Assistants may be asked to lead a coaching session or fill in for an absent camper, and participate in certain Arts Connections. TAs also act as Camp Counselors by leading recreational activities, acting as role models, and monitoring campers’ behavior, whereabouts, and safety. In addition, TAs do a myriad of “odd jobs” such as classroom set-up, making copies, and delivering messages. *In a Virtual Camp, TAs are asked to perform certain tasks involving IT/videos, setup web meetings, and participate in certain web-special classes.* The ideal T.A. is responsible, energetic, enthusiastic, and focused on creating a positive experience for all campers. Team players! **If this fits you... we invite you to apply for position of Teaching Assistant for the 2022 Camp.** (Note: Certain college-degreed and chamber-music experienced TAs may be hired with the title **Instructor**, having duties to help out Junior Campers.)

Deadline for Application: March 31, 2022

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Linda Lin Yu - OPUS Camp Director, 630.983.8902. Email: campdirector.opus@gmail.com

You may submit application to: OPUS Chamber Music Camp P.O. Box 495 Naperville, IL 60566-0495

Applicant’s Name _____ Age ____ Male __ Female __
Address _____ Cell Phone _____
E-mail address _____ Home Phone _____
Instrument _____ # of years studied _____
Second Instrument (if you play one) _____ # of years studied _____
College you’re attending _____ Year in School and Major _____

Name of private teacher you studied with before college, phone number and/or e-mail address

If you are studying your instrument with a Music professor at your college: please provide his/her name, phone number(s) and e-mail address.

References: Personal or Employer – please list 2 - include name, phone number(s) and e-mail address.

TAs who have been with OPUS for 6 years total do not need to submit this Form! Just let Camp Director know of your intent to come again!

Please give a brief answer to the following questions: (Use additional space or back to give a complete answer.)

Have you had any music-teaching experience? (Past TAs – tell us only what we do not already know.)

What experience, if any, have you had with chamber music?

What experience have you had working with children in the age range between 8 and 18?

If a Virtual Camp: your electronic device(s), platforms used, and video-editing software (if any)?

Applicant’s Signature _____ Date _____

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Key Qualifications

- A team player,
 - Personable, focused, and non-distractive to peers,
 - Assist office and administration duties;
- Efficient utilization of time on helping campers,
 - Ability to understand and communicate with Faculty re: chamber music concepts and instrumental techniques,
 - Collaborative nature & ability to talk to and work with students,
- High level of personal responsibility & musicianship,
- For an **In-person Camp**, Reliable Transportation (regular access to vehicle). For a **Virtual Camp**, **on-time participation** in classes and check on campers on your assigned duties.
- **Computer device and software experience. IT-inclined / video-editing ability is a plus!**

Hiring of flute, harp, and classical guitar teaching assistants depend on the number of enrolled campers in middle June. Please send in your application so you can be to be on the "reserved list" to be considered when necessary.