

2017 Young Musicians Program
Staff Member

The Walden School is seeking interested candidates who wish to participate as staff members in its flagship Young Musicians Program in Dublin, New Hampshire, during the summer of 2017. Staff members work in the School's summer office performing various tasks (word processing, filing, copying, mailings, publicity and general office organization); lead student recreation activities such as afternoon indoor & outdoor games, arts & crafts, hikes and swimming; provide operations support for all of the school's activities, including but not limited to moving furniture, making beds, running errands in local towns, doing laundry, setting up classrooms, distributing mail, lifting/carrying boxes/shipments; occasionally provide tutoring and mentoring to young musicians (ages 9-18); participate in the School's choral program; supervise students in dormitories; and generally ensure a positive student life experience for its program participants.

Individuals who thrive as staff members at The Walden School are energetic, flexible, collaborative, thrive on a fast-paced and dynamic environment, enjoy working with young people and adults alike, are both self-motivated and are able to take direction, and have a sense of humor.

The School values creativity and community, and we seek individuals seeking a challenging and rewarding opportunity, who can support our mission of inspiring creativity in students as well as who can lead effectively in a strong and diverse community setting. The Director of Operations, the Dean of Students, and the Director of the Young Musicians Program jointly supervise staff members.

Compensation is in the form of salary, as well as room & board. Candidates should have completed a minimum of one year at college or university or conservatory, and cannot have been a student at the Young Musicians Program during the summer of 2016.

Preferences will be given to:

- Candidates who are alumni of one or more of The Walden School's programs;
- Pianists
- Applicants who are certified in water safety and lifesaving or are interested in obtaining such certification prior to employment;
- Candidates who are musicians;
- And/or candidates who will welcome the opportunity to perform some childcare duties for faculty & administration children as part of their duties.

Staff members must have a valid driver's license, be willing and able to drive 15-passenger vans, and have current First Aid and CPR certifications (at least valid through August 11, 2017).

Staff members **must** be available from Sunday, June 25, 2017 (arrival) through Friday, August 11, 2017 (departure).

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and résumé, by Monday, February 6, 2017, to:

Seth Brenzel, Director, Young Musicians Program

via email:

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via US mail:

Seth Brenzel, The Walden School, 30 Monterey Boulevard, Suite E, San Francisco, CA, 94131

The Walden School, founded in 1972, is an acclaimed summer music school and festival offering programs that emphasize creative application, specifically through the study of musicianship, improvisation, and composition. In residence on the beautiful campuses of the Dublin School in Dublin, New Hampshire, and Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, the School provides an inspiring retreat-like environment ideal for creative music making. The School's programs include the Young Musicians Program for musicians ages 9 to 18, the Teacher Training Institute for music educators, and the Creative Musicians Retreat for adult musicians. The School's Concert Series showcases free public performances by renowned artists and ensembles that work closely with program participants. The Walden School has been awarded two Chamber Music America/ASCAP Adventurous Programming Awards (2014 & 2012), a New Music Educator Award from the American Music Center (now New Music USA) and was a finalist for a National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award. The Walden School is the successor organization to the Junior Conservatory Camp.

Walden's flagship [Young Musicians Program \(YMP\)](http://www.waldenschool.org) provides thorough and creative theoretical training for young musicians ages 9 to 18. The school is deliberately small, and a student to faculty ratio of 4 to 1 ensures that coursework is geared to the individual student, beginner through advanced, and that a creative and supportive musical community is formed and nurtured. During the five-week program, students attend classes in music history, analysis, computer musicianship, jazz and other topics to complement their thorough training in Walden's core curriculum of musicianship and composition. During weekly Composers Forums, student improvisations and compositions are performed by faculty, students, and visiting artists, and a guest moderator leads discussion about the pieces. The Walden School Concert Series features performances by world-class artists and ensembles that interact closely with students. All students and faculty participate in The Walden School Chorus, which meets daily and performs a concert at the end of the session. Dances, swim trips, weekly mountain hikes, and 'open mic' nights balance this rigorous musical training and are integral to the Walden experience. For more information, please visit Walden's website: www.waldenschool.org.