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PMAC New Horizons Beginner Band Conductor

Description

Portsmouth Music and Arts Center seeks a music educator and conductor to lead the New Horizons Beginner Band. The conductor will lead PMAC adult students to achieve their full creative potential, while focusing on teaching concert band repertoire that is pedagogically appropriate. The position begins in September 2026.

Responsibilities

Reporting to the Director of Education and NHB Conductor, duties are as follows:

- Conduct weekly rehearsals of the New Horizons Beginner Band from 10:00am-12:00pm each Friday, September through May
- Prepare the group for seasonal concerts in December and May
- Organize and attend placement auditions 2-3 days per year – currently in mid September and January
- Collaborate with the COO, Director of Education, and New Horizons Band Conductor to establish ensemble policies, audition requirements and scheduling
- Plan and select concert repertoire that aligns with the pedagogical goals of the New Horizons program.
- Collaborate with PMAC wind and brass teaching artists to recruit students to participate in the ensemble
- Attend faculty and planning meetings several times a year
- Qualified candidates will have the option of earning additional income teaching lessons and classes at PMAC
- This position can be combined with the New Horizons Band Assistant Conductor position.

Qualifications

Bachelor's degree in music or equivalent professional experience required, conducting degree or wind pedagogy experience preferred. 1-2 years conducting experience in a community setting is a plus. Candidates must have a working knowledge of band repertoire for beginner and intermediate musicians and demonstrate effective rehearsal techniques.

Job Benefits

The Portsmouth Music and Arts Center (PMAC) is a multi-faceted arts center serving all ages and abilities. In addition to individual instruction in music and visual arts, PMAC offers ensembles, classes, summer camps, and community arts outreach programs, along with live music performances and art exhibitions by both students and professionals. PMAC addresses the need for arts education in the greater Seacoast region by providing high quality instruction that compliments the offerings in our local public and private schools. In addition, we meet the needs of students of all ages, regardless of skill level or aspiration. PMAC offers cultural opportunities to all people regardless of their age, ability, or economic status, and continually strives to build community through the arts.

Contacts

Hiring organization

Portsmouth Music and Arts Center

Employment Type

Part-time

Beginning of employment

September 2026

Job Location

973 Islington St., 03801, Portsmouth

Base Salary

\$ 55/hr

Date posted

March 24, 2026

Valid through

30.06.2026

Send cover letter and resume by email to michelle@pmaonline.org with subject line "New Horizons Beginner Band Conductor":
attn: Michelle Shoemaker, Director of Education, Portsmouth Music and Arts Center. No phone calls or walk-in inquiries please.