



## KINDER KONZERTS DOCENT POSITION DESCRIPTION

**Position overview:** Since 1977, the award-winning Kinder Konzerts has introduced children, ages four and five, to orchestral music through the hands-on experience of playing instruments and a concert designed just for children performed by Minnesota Orchestra musicians. Volunteer docents escort children to the concert and lead a Sound Factory where children will sing, enjoy musical activities and play real instruments.

**Title:** Kinder Konzerts Docent

**Key responsibilities:**

- Enthusiastically meet children, teachers and parents demonstrating the excitement of music
- Teach musical concepts and facts about Orchestra Hall
- Demonstrate musical instruments
- Set up and break down Sound Factory stations
- Lead Sound Factory group to and from Orchestra Hall stage
- Work as a team member
- Timeliness and punctuality

**Initial impact:**

- Ignite a positive orchestral musical experience for children, parents and teachers

**Sustained outcomes:**

- Students and parents continue to support and engage in orchestral music

**Training:**

- Prior to the start of the season, docents will learn how to demonstrate musical concepts and instruments.
- A mid-season mandatory training session will be held to refresh teaching skills.

**Support:**

- Two Docent Coordinators are at Orchestra Hall for each Kinder Konzerts. They will be available for all questions and concerns the day of the program.

**Commitment:**

- A membership in the WAMSO-Minnesota Orchestra Volunteer Association is required
- Minimum of four concert days per season

**Time Required**

- Two four-hour training sessions
- 8:30 am to 1:00 pm each concert day, or 4.5 hours per concert
- Concerts are weekdays during the school year at Orchestra Hall: 1111 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403

**Qualifications:**

- Enthusiasm for working with young children
- Patience and good humor
- Neat personal appearance
- Desire to provide a positive musical experience for young children
- Ability to work in a team environment
- Ability to walk stairs, stand for extended length of time, and bend

**Skills:**

- Self confidence to present a musical lesson to children with teachers and parents observing
- Ability to project voice to a group of 30
- Flexibility with respect to schedule and assignments

**Benefits:**

- Gratification that you are serving a need in a child's life
- Out of pocket expenses are tax deductible
- Form life long friendships
- Thank you luncheon closes out the year

