



**Job Title:** Opera to Go! Pianist/Coach  
**Department:** HGO Community and Learning  
**Reports To:** Programs Manager  
**Classification:** Contract

**SUMMARY:** Opera to Go! (OTG) presents 45-minute operas in English or English/Spanish at schools and community venues in the greater Houston area and occasionally in remote cities. The portable shows are designed for young and first-time audiences, and sets, costumes and props travel in the OTG van to each venue. OTG artists travel to each venue, unload the set, props and costumes from the van, perform, and reload. This is a contracted position that requires a pianist/coach who is flexible, can travel around Houston to perform, and is knowledgeable of and loves working with young children.

**Dates:** August 31-December 16, 2022, and January 20- May 19, 2023

**Hours:** Rehearsal and workshop hours are 9-4, MWF. Performances occur during the school day, with most start times between the hours of 7 AM and 3:30 PM. The OTG Pianist must be present for all workshops, staging rehearsals, and performances. The OTG Pianist works an average of 20 hours per week during rehearsals and performances during tours. With advance notice, the OTG Pianist must be available to work some Tuesdays, Thursdays, evenings, and weekends.

**Pay Rate:** Between \$14,000-15,000 based upon a per service rate.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES** include the following:

- Learning appropriate repertoire
  - Playing electronic keyboard or various venue pianos at performances
- Acting as music staff on the road, giving musical notes as necessary
- Maintaining high-energy and engaging performances

**SPECIAL JOB CHARACTERISTICS:** Applicant must be able to:

- Travel throughout the greater Houston and surrounding areas. Transportation is not provided.
- Possess creative and polished piano skills
- Be prompt and be able to focus on the performance in a distracting environment
- Take criticism well and work to implement suggestions from HGO Community and Learning staff
- Work well with singers
- Demonstrate an ability to prioritize, have a high energy level, and interface easily with the public
- Meet the demands of being a performer in a fast-paced touring environment

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Experience working with singers; three years' experience coaching and playing in a professional theatrical environment

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS:** Bending, stooping, standing, sitting, kneeling, and lifting up to 20lbs.

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