

Chicago One-Sheet

This document outlines music specific arts organizations, orchestras, and other organizations for employment opportunities in the Chicago area to explore for students interested in moving/working there.

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Education/Outreach:

- Merit School of Music (admin and teaching) <https://meritmusic.org/careers/>
- Chicago Musical Pathways Initiative/CMPI (nonprofit, music career advisor, outreach, equitable access to music) <https://chicagopathways.org/>
- Classical Kids Music Education (admin, teaching, multiple programs - drama/orchestra/outreach/etc.) <https://www.classicalkidsnfp.org/>
- Hyde Park Youth Symphony <https://thehpys.org/>
- Schaumburg Youth Orchestra <https://www.prairiecenter.org/young-artists/youth-orchestra>
- Fulcrum Point New Music Project <https://www.fulcrumpoint.org/>
 - Their Sound Tracks and Creating Identity programs provides musical education and experiences in music, dance, art, and creative writing within the context of social studies of international cultures.
- Merry Music Makers (early childhood music classes/lessons) <https://www.merrymusicmakers.com/>
- Uniting Voices Chicago (admin and teaching) <https://www.unitingvoiceschicago.org/careers>

Orchestras and performance/presenting organizations:

- Chicago Symphony Orchestra
- Lakeview Orchestra
- Chicago Philharmonic
- Chicago Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra
- Chicago City Wide Orchestra
- Chicago Sinfonietta
- Evanston Symphony Orchestra
- Civic Orchestra of Chicago (applications due late February, fellowships available)
- Hearing in Color (nonprofit in Chicago presenting music, stories, and composers of historically excluded groups) <https://www.hearingincolor.org/>
 - Performances, Young Composer Residency, internships

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Opera Companies:

- Lyric Opera of Chicago (performance, administrative, BOH, internships)
<https://www.lyricopera.org/about/employment-auditions/job-opportunities/>
 - Diverse programming, voice and instrumental pit performance opps.
- Opera Festival of Chicago (performance, administrative, BOH/FOH, apprenticeships)
<https://operafestivalchicago.org/>
 - Italian opera programming, summer festival (usually early July)
- Chicago Opera Theatre <https://chicagooperatheater.org/>
 - Diverse programming, multiple opportunities for performers/administrators
 - Auditions take place Late August through Early September

Instrument makers/repair:

- Lyon and Healy harp makers (sales jobs, admin, repair, instrument makers, etc.)
<https://www.lyonhealy.com/lyon-healy-harps/harps-makers-lyon-healy-today/>
- Eric Swanson Bow-Maker/Workshop of Eric Swanson (no website)
- Pinter's Violin Shop <https://www.pintersviolinshop.com/>
- Guadagnini Violin Shop <https://www.guadagniniviolins.com/>
- Wargaski Violins <https://wargaskiviolins.com/>
- O'Malley Brass Instruments <https://www.omalleyhorns.com/>
- Third Coast Guitar and Amp Repair <https://www.thirdcoastguitar.com/>
- The Chicago School of Violin Making (3 year program) <https://www.csvm.org/>
- The Chicago School of Guitar Making <https://www.specimenproducts.com/>

Music Venues in Chicago:

- Harris Theater - FOH/BOH, short bartending shifts, administrative roles
<https://www.harristheaterchicago.org/employment>
- SPACE, Evanston (administration/FOH/BOH/bartenders/servers)
<https://www.evanston.space.com/>
- [List of Music Venues in Chicago](#) (blues/jazz/cultural/new music/live entertainment)

For-Profit and other organizations in the arts:

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- Ring of Music Band & Orchestra (wedding and corporate events musicians and event planners - run by musicians) <https://ringofmusic.com/about/>
- Fulcrum Point New Music Project <https://www.fulcrumpoint.org/>
 - Their AuxIn: Connected! is a series of pop-up parties connecting rising professionals with emerging musicians throughout Chicago.
- Steppenwolf Theatre (theater and plays, outreach and education) <https://www.steppenwolf.org/about-us>
- Chicago Music Exchange (sales/instrument repairs/etc.) <https://www.chicagomusicexchange.com/pages/careers>
 - Owned by Reverb - online music gear selling/buying site (further jobs available through Reverb but more on the tech side) <https://reverb.com/page/jobs#applynow>

Other useful websites for research:

- [List of Chicago Nonprofits in the arts](#)
- [List of Recording Studios in Chicago](#)
- [List of Music Venues in Chicago](#)

Music Librarian Resources (not specific to Chicago):

- <https://mola-inc.org/p/careers>
 - Includes job openings, training opportunities, resume/cover letter tips, etc.
- <https://www.musiclibraryassoc.org/>
 - Publications, membership, etc.