



Position Description

Position Title:	Ticket Office Associate
Department:	Marketing and Communications
Location:	Santa Barbara, CA
Status:	Seasonal, Part-Time, Non-Exempt
Employment Period:	Monday, June 8 through Monday, August 10, 2026 Opportunity for additional part-time work beginning as early as Wednesday, April 8, 2026, depending on availability

Position Description

The Ticket Office Associate is responsible for selling and processing ticket orders and providing excellent customer service. This is an excellent opportunity to gain hands-on customer service experience working closely with Academy administration and patrons. This position reports to the Director of Guest Services and is under the supervision of the Ticket Office Manager and Ticket Office Assistant Manager.

Position Responsibilities

Ticketing

- Process single ticket and subscription orders, providing individual attention to patrons to ensure they have the correct tickets
- Administer and report return ticket donations
- Process merchandise sales on-site
- Obtain correct and complete patron information for all transactions
- Other duties as assigned

Customer Service

- Set the standard for attentive, courteous, and sincere customer service for external and internal constituents
- Keep an orderly and professional environment for welcoming the public and conducting business
- Ensure that posters and brochures describing upcoming events are current, on display, and readily available to patrons
- Receive and resolve any questions or customer service issues and escalates to the Ticket Office Manager or Assistant Manager when necessary

Candidate Profile

The Music Academy values colleagues with diverse perspectives who thrive in a collaborative, highly communicative workplace. Our administration collectively informs and agrees upon the organization's expectations for teamwork, including a positive, goal-oriented environment that positions every employee for success.

Responsibilities will be assigned based on the strengths and experience of the selected candidates.

The ideal candidate will demonstrate some, if not all, of the following:

- Experience in sales, retail, and/or customer-facing roles
- Excellent organizational, interpersonal, and communications skills
- Strong problem-solving skills
- Positive and professional demeanor
- Ability to work on a team and adapt to changing work priorities
- Computer proficiency and ability to learn new programs quickly, knowledge in ticketing software is a plus
- Knowledge of classical music a plus
- Bachelor's degree (or degree in progress) in Music, Marketing, Communications, or related field
- Local candidate preferred

Additional Requirements

- Daytime availability during 9 am – 5 pm required
- Ability to work nights and weekends required
- Occasional travel between Music Academy's Miraflores campus and off-site venues

Compensation and Benefits

This is a seasonal, non-exempt, part-time position. Compensation is \$19 per hour, commensurate with skills and experience. Seasonal employees are not eligible for Music Academy benefits unless required by law. Lunch is provided on the Miraflores campus Monday-Friday. Complimentary tickets are offered when available.

Application Process

Please email a letter of interest and current resume to hr@musicacademy.org, using the subject header **Ticket Office Associate**. PDF format only. No phone calls, please. A background screening will be performed as a condition of employment.

Application review will begin in January and interviews will be scheduled on a rolling basis. Positions will be posted on our website career page while they remain active, and will be removed once a position has been filled.

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inclusive work environment and we value each employee's unique experiences and perspectives.

About the Music Academy of the West

The mission of the Music Academy of the West is to provide classically trained musicians and diverse audiences with transformative educational and performance experiences. We support musicians to expand their talents, inspire each other, and pursue artistic innovation.

As part of its annual Summer Music Festival & School, the Academy presents the Fellowship Institute, which trains up to 150 fellows ages 18–34, alongside the new High School Intensive, a two-week program for 105 gifted musicians ages 14–18. Year-round programs include *Sing!*, a youth choir that performs with local, national, and international partners; and the Mariposa Concert Series, featuring Academy-affiliated artists. Each summer, the Festival showcases more than 100 performances and events, including masterclasses, competitions, and a fully staged opera. ***The 2026 Summer Music Festival & School will run June 14–August 8, 2026. The complete performance lineup for the Festival will be unveiled in early 2026.***

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