

Sam Houston State University Human Resources

Staff Classification Description – Piano Technician

Skill Category: Skilled Craft
Position (Employee) Class: 6N200 (N1)
Grade: 11
Date: 06/2015

Department: Dance, Music, Theatre, or as assigned

Educational & Experience Requirement: High School graduate or G.E.D. equivalent. A certificate, diploma, or degree in piano technology is desirable. Four years of experience performing concert tuning, voicing, and regulating for high quality performance or experience in a related field. Experience in a college or university setting is preferred. A combination of education, experience, and training that would produce the required knowledge and abilities could be considered.

Nature & Purpose of Position: Oversees the tuning, voicing, and reconditioning of the University pianos and performs piano technician duties for over 100 pianos.

Supervision Given & Received: Works under general direction and may provide direction to student workers.

Primary Responsibilities: Performs head piano technician duties in the maintenance, tuning, refurbishing, repairing, and rebuilding to maximize the full investment and performance potential for each instrument. Works collaboratively with the piano department to ensure all pianos are regularly maintained. Performs regularly scheduled tuning, regulating, voicing, repairs, and cleanings, in accordance with the following schedule: concert grand pianos every week; piano department studio pianos four times per year; other studios with baby grand pianos and uprights two times/year; and classroom, practice rooms two times per year. Gives advice regarding the effects of temperature, humidity, and other factors on the instruments. Keeps detailed record of pianos tuned and repaired. Maintains and restocks supplies in the piano shop. Coordinates performance schedules with the technical director. Performs other related duties as assigned.

Other Specifications: Must have organization, time management, and record keeping skills. Position requires the ability to work independently. Strong organizational, interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills are required. During emergency tuning/repairs for guest artist and faculty recitals, employee may be called in when off shift to work an extended shift. Special performances sometimes require extended and adjusted schedules. Position will occasionally work evenings and weekends.

This is a classification description with the complete list of job duties being maintained at the departmental level. Other job duties necessary for the effective operation of the University are expected to be performed. Any qualifications to be considered as equivalents in lieu of stated minimums require the prior approval of Human Resources.

Sam Houston State University is an at will employer and drug free/smoke free workplace. This position is security-sensitive and thereby subject to the provisions of the Texas Education Code §51.215, which authorizes the employer to obtain criminal history record information. The pay grade range is inclusive of social security benefit replacement pay.

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