

# APOLLO CHAMBER PLAYERS

*Globally Inspired Music*

"...recasting music for a diverse and multi-ethnic generation."

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**JOB TITLE:** Core Artist - VIOLA

## ABOUT APOLLO

Chamber Music America's 2025 *Ensemble of the Year*, Houston-based APOLLO CHAMBER PLAYERS is a "dynamic ensemble creating programs in response to current events" (NPR) that "recasts music for a diverse and multi-ethnic generation" (Strings Magazine). Apollo has performed for sold-out audiences at Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center, and it is featured frequently on APM's *Performance Today*. Having commissioned 60 new works, and releasing 7 commercial albums the past decade, Apollo's roster of composers and collaborators includes Jennifer Higdon, John Corigliano, Jerod Tate, Adolphus Hailstork, Lara Downs and actor George Takei, among others.

Released by the Grammy-winning Azica Records, Apollo's *With Malice Toward None* album soared to No. 1 on Amazon's 'Hot New Release' chart. Additionally, the ensemble's catalog has been featured on numerous radio and media outlets around the world. Apollo enriches the cultural landscape of Houston through programs at schools, hospitals, centers for refugees and at-risk youth, and community projects like *Library Voyage*, a first-in-the-nation initiative to perform at all Houston area public libraries.

**NPR Weekend Edition:** <https://apollocp.org/NPR>

**CMA Ensemble of the Year:** <https://apollocp.org/CMAEnsembleofYear>

## JOB OVERVIEW

Apollo Chamber Players ("Apollo") seeks a Core Artist for an appointment on Viola. The ideal candidate should have a strong passion for both traditional and contemporary music and be versatile in performing across various chamber music settings including season, outreach, community and touring concerts, as well as recording projects. Competitive yearly salary of \$40,000 includes a generous benefit package, with health insurance and retirement contributions. This position requires an average of 20 hours or 6 services per week, depending on the specific schedule and performance calendar.

The position will commence once the appropriate candidate is selected and hired. Successful candidate will be required to relocate to Houston if not already residing in the metro area. Houston is the nation's third largest city and offers a lower cost of living in comparison to other major cities. The most ethnically diverse city in the nation, it is home to a vibrant economy, and world class art and cultural attractions. A variety of freelance and teaching opportunities are available in the Houston area.

## QUALIFICATIONS

The candidate must hold a Master's degree or its equivalent in music performance, along with at least two years of professional experience. Experience in professional chamber music is required.

## VALUES STATEMENT

Apollo's mission is to *connect communities and cultures through globally inspired music*. Our moonshot vision is to *create cultural harmony through musical exploration*, and we value being **Bold, Multicultural, Innovative, Collaborative, and Inclusive**.

We believe Apollo's unique programming approach fosters civic engagement, cultural awareness, and empathy for those of different nationalities and beliefs. Our work towards a more culturally harmonious society is critical not only to Houston, but the United States at large.

## EVALUATION PROCESS

Following review of applications, Apollo will select and invite up to five (5) final candidates for an in-person trial period. This trial period will consist of rehearsals and performance(s) with Apollo during the 2025-26 season. Final round candidates will receive compensation, and all travel and related expenses will be covered.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please email the following application materials to APOLLO Artistic & Executive Director Matthew J. Detrick at [mattdetrick@apollochamberplayers.org](mailto:mattdetrick@apollochamberplayers.org)

- Statement of interest
- A current resume or CV
- Names and contact information for at least two (2) references
- Minimum 3 links to video samples of your work as a chamber musician, including 1 solo performance (link to YouTube, Vimeo, Dropbox, Google Drive, or similar platform).
- Deadline for submitting applications is **April 15, 2025**, with expected notification by or before May 1, 2025.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN APOLLO!

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