



Music City Community Organizer

Deadline to apply: 1/23/2026

Contract period: 11 months, February to December 2026

Compensation: \$25 - \$30 hourly rate based on experience, full time (with benefits) and part time options both available

University of Orange is hiring a Music City Community Organizer.

Music City is a community-led, cultural organizing program of the **University of Orange**, a people's free school in Orange, NJ. Since 2016, Music City has organized networks of musicians, music educators, small business owners, community members, and music-lovers around Orange and Essex County to celebrate the rich musical cultures of our city and explore the ways that connecting, supporting, and celebrating Orange's music can cultivate stronger local economic opportunities, lift up the cultural life of our city as being worthy of investment, and build connection and solidarity across otherwise siloed communities.

Key projects for Music City 10 include: the annual Music City Festival, a three day festival in mid-May; "Music on Main", a summer series of monthly live-music performances and workshops in outdoor public spaces; "Remembering Rosa: a Concert for Peace", a choir and dance concert featuring an intergenerational community choir; and the Orange Steel Band, an intergenerational community steel pan band.

The **Music City Community Organizer** will support the coordination and production of Music City 10 projects. The Community Organizer will coordinate and work with the Music City teams to produce music programming and community events that are welcoming, inclusive, fun and reflective of local cultures. They will lead efforts to maintain and cultivate relationships with local stakeholders including small businesses, local organizations, anchor institutions, and community members to ensure Music City programming is relevant and meeting the needs of our city in 2026.

Core responsibilities:

- Building and supporting the network of relationships that support and grow the work of Music City
- Supporting the successful production of Music City events and educational programs
- Connecting with the Orange (and Essex County) community including small business owners, school music programs, local musicians, vendors, advocacy organizations etc.
- Identifying opportunities for collaboration
- Developing effective outreach and communication methods

Required qualifications:



- Experience with community-based cultural projects such as youth programming, grassroots and independent music venues, open mics, showcases etc.
- Interest in the intersection of cultural organizing and issues regarding anti-displacement, gentrification, and urbanism
- Familiarity with landscape of music in Essex County, NJ
- Facility communicating with a diverse variety of stakeholders, including institutional partners, community organizations, community members, musicians, non-english speakers, volunteers, contractors, etc.

Potentially interesting qualifications:

- Multi-lingual in some combination of English, Spanish, and Haitian Kreyol
- Ability to drive a U-Haul
- Basic familiarity with sound equipment/live music production
- Active practice as an artist/musician

To apply please submit a **resume and a cover letter** to info@universityoforange.org