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## Petra Wahlqvist joins LMTA as bookkeeper

LMTA is happy to announce the hiring of Petra Wahlqvist as their new bookkeeper. As an arts and nonprofit professional with over 20 years of experience, Petra is thrilled to join the LMTA team as a contractor. She has a passion for LMTA's mission and work in the community, especially through the Music Outreach Program (LMTA-MOP) which offers low-cost lessons, instruments and their upkeep, educational materials and performance opportunities for children in need. Petra is excited to work alongside LMTA volunteers, teachers, students, parents, and supporters on bookkeeping, organization, and administrative tasks.

Petra is the co-founder and Executive Director of BLIXT ARTS LAB, a Lincoln nonprofit specializing in arts innovation beyond expectation. She is the former Executive Director of Nebraskans for the Arts and also served as the Director of Education and Community Engagement at the Lied Center for Performing Arts. She has an extensive background in education, including serving as an adjunct faculty at UNL and Nebraska Wesleyan University. Prior to moving to Lincoln, Petra lived in London, UK, and served as a Teaching Artist for elementary students. She studied theatre at the University of Kansas and in London and Paris. She is originally from Sweden, and travels there at least twice a year to see family and friends.

In her spare time, Petra enjoys knitting, running, reading, cross country skiing (when there is snow!) and spending time with her family and dog Annie. LMTA warmly welcomes Petra to the organization. If you want to connect with Petra, you can drop her a line at <a href="mailto:bookkeeping@lmta.info">bookkeeping@lmta.info</a>.

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