



Job Description - Lead Artist: ArtsPlace

Required Dates: Monday-Thursday, July 11 – August 18, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Program Description

The Rockford Area Arts Council is facilitating arts enrichment programs, hosted at the Rockford Park District's Washington Park Community Center, to address the learning loss and social-emotional needs and challenges of Rockford's youth following the devastating impact of COVID-19.

The Arts Council's programs will offer:

- *Exposure to a variety of art forms including, but not limited to, drawing, painting, printmaking, sketchbook journaling, digital media arts, collage, 2-D + 3-D construction, community-build projects, carpentry, art/nature fusion, photography, crafts, dance, movement, music, etc.*
- *One-on-one artist mentorship, apprenticeship, and instruction*
- *Life-skills and job-skills development including, but not limited to, the development of project plans, meeting + exceeding expectations set by instructors, creating and pricing works of art, marketing their creations, creative problem-solving, and continuous evaluation + improvement of the creative process*

Lead Artist Description

The Lead Artist instructor will work with either elementary, middle, or high school-age students in the development of the basic skills associated with the Lead Artist's proposed form of art; the Lead Artist will use the Arts Council's summer theme, 'Here and Now', to develop a meaningful, challenging, and creative final project or performance.

Camp completion expectation: ArtsPlace students will develop a basic knowledge of the proposed art form; students will present the culmination of their skill-building in the form of a final project or performance.

Note: Art forms for this camp can include, but are not limited to, drawing, painting, printmaking, sketchbook journaling, digital media arts, collage, 2-D + 3-D construction, community-build projects, carpentry, art/nature fusion, photography, crafts, dance, movement, music, etc.

Responsibilities

- Develop an engaging and developmentally appropriate art curriculum for students that result in a culminating project or performance
- Create a positive learning environment to ensure all students can be successful
- Manage Assistant Artist(s): Provide direction and clear expectations
- Create a safe environment: Establish rules and behavior expectations that protect children physically, emotionally, and mentally
- Demonstrate respect to the youth in your attitude and behavior toward students and staff
- Be willing to perform other duties, as needed, in unexpected or emergency situations
- Conduct yourself professionally in dress and behavior

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Qualifications/Requirements

- 3-5 years of professional experience in the proposed art form
- 2-3 years of experience working with students/youth
- Must have personal transportation to get to and from the program site
- Must pass a background check, facilitated by the Rockford Area Arts Council

Expectations

- The Lead Artist reports to the Rockford Area Arts Council Program Coordinator
- The Lead Artist is responsible for the development of the curriculum, approved by the Program Coordinator, before the beginning of ArtsPlace
- The Lead Artist must submit an Assistant Artist evaluation at camp-end

To apply: Please submit a resume, cover letter, and curriculum proposal to Kayla Acton at kayla@artsforeveryone.com

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