

APPLICATION: Teaching Artist/Independent Contractor

Location: Twin Cities - Minneapolis & St. Paul and surrounding suburbs
City: Bloomington, MN
Type: Independent Contractor
Category: Education
Salary: \$25/hour
Website: <http://www.artistrymn.org>

**Deadline: January 13, 2017 for winter programs
(ongoing for spring and summer)**

Who We Are

Artistry is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in the city-owned Bloomington Center for the Arts. We produce arts experiences of exceptional quality in an accessible, welcoming setting, drawing a region-wide audience. “Welcoming and nurturing talent” is a key part of our mission. Toward that end, we provide opportunities for early-career artists to learn and grow, and for established artists to work in new ways.

What We Do

Arts Education and Partnership Programs: We offer year-round visual and performing arts classes for all ages and abilities at the Center for the Arts and a growing array of arts activities in partnership with other organizations throughout the Twin Cities and surrounding areas.

Theater: What began as a community theater in the mid ‘50s has grown into an Ivey Awards-eligible program drawing an audience of 35,000+. We currently produce seven productions per season on two stages in the Center for the Arts, offering everything from classic musicals like *Carousel* – always with our large, critically-acclaimed pit orchestra – to thought-provoking newer work like *Next to Normal*.

Exhibitions: We produce 14 exhibitions per year in two galleries in the Center for the Arts, showcasing the work of emerging and established artists from Minnesota and surrounding states. Our 2014 exhibitions attracted more than 55,000 visits.

Creative Placemaking: In 2013, we received a \$100,000 matching grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to work with the City of Bloomington, the Mall of America, McGough, the Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau and other partners to harness the power of the arts and artists to transform Bloomington’s South Loop into a vibrant, distinctive, urban neighborhood.

Information about our organization and programming is listed on our website at www.artistrymn.org.

Job Description

Artistry seeks qualified Visual Arts Teaching Artists to lead in school residencies, after school classes, and one-day workshops in all arts disciplines. Students range in age from pre-kindergarten to seniors (depending on the program and community partner). Classes take place both on-site at the Bloomington Center for the Arts, and off-site at our community partner locations.

Teaching Artists must:

- Plan and teach developmental age-appropriate, arts classes
- Prepare lessons that include visual arts concepts
- Carry out class details specified in contract and program agreement
- Have classroom management skills
- Oversee the safe use of supplies, tools, and equipment during classes
- Have reliable transportation and arrive on time to class

Qualifications or Requirements

- Strong background in visual arts
- Knowledge of and experience with diverse communities
- Must enjoy working with youth and/or adults from a wide range of cultural backgrounds
- Committed, dependable, organized, flexible, competent, and have the ability to adapt
- Able to handle classroom situations with fairness and patience

Work Schedule

Program hours vary depending on community partnership agreement. Multiple programs run throughout the day Monday through Saturday for youth, teens, and adults. Class hours usually fit between 9am-9pm. Some classes are held at The Bloomington Art Center while others take place off-site at our community partner locations.

How to Apply

Please submit:

1. **Letter of interest**; discussing your prior experience, reasons for applying, and skills that you bring to this position
2. **Resume**; including personal contact information, prior experience, and related skills
3. **List of three references**; please include name, title, address, email, and daytime telephone
4. **CD or website address** showing examples of your art work (limit 10 images please)

Please submit materials too:

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