

## **TEACHING ARTIST**

**Reports to:** Arts in Education Director

**Classification:** Non-exempt, Seasonal Part-Time

**Location:** Schools, Community Centers and Senior Centers in Brooklyn and NYC. Teaching Artists who work on-site are required to provide proof of vaccination, due to NYC and DOE regulations. Remote residencies will be available and offered to Teaching Artists, regardless of vaccination status. No artist will be penalized for declining in-person, on-site residencies. Applicants do not need to be a resident of Brooklyn but must be able to reliably travel to Brooklyn.

**Compensation:** \$85/hour. The BAC Teaching Artist pay scale is based on experience and expertise. Teaching Artists are also paid for planning time, and BAC covers the cost of supplies.

### **ABOUT BROOKLYN ARTS COUNCIL:**

Celebrating more than 50 years of service, historically Brooklyn Arts Council (BAC) is the borough's leading nonprofit organization supporting artists and cultural groups in all disciplines. Working through the pandemic to act responsively and nimbly to the emerging needs of our community, BAC remains committed to serving the arts ecosystem through grants, professional development, cultural heritage programming, and arts education provided via distance learning. By creating and supporting cultural events and platforms for Brooklynites, BAC provides forums for critical thinking and self-expression, enriches Brooklyn's cultural landscape, and generates experiences that expand horizons.

Brooklyn Arts Council (BAC) supports and connects Brooklyn's arts community through programs and services for artists, cultural organizations, and residents of all backgrounds and ages. Our Arts in Education (AIE) programs play a critical role in keeping the arts alive in New York City public schools, at the same time promoting the development of essential academic, communication, and critical thinking skills for some of the area's most at-risk students. We support creative aging initiatives and promote arts learning at dozens of senior centers.

We employ over 200 teaching artists and performers, reaching approximately 25,000 people in 50+ schools, afterschool programs and community centers around New York City annually.

Through our residencies, workshops, assembly performances and community events, BAC AIE programs:

- Provide quality arts experiences and performances
- Promote authentic, project-based arts learning opportunities

- Expand verbal and non-verbal communication skills
- Strengthen capacities for critical thinking and problem solving
- Provide student-centered, culturally-responsive curricula

Additionally, the BAC AIE Programming seeks to uphold the following pillars:

- **Empowering & Enriching**
  - Our programs empower and enrich artists and communities by connecting them to one another. We employ artists to produce dynamic, creative, and educational programs in schools, senior centers, and local community spaces that open pathways for relationships, resources, and inspiration. Our programs nurture the transformative and generative power of the arts at the intersection of creative learning and labor
- **Nurturing & Liberating**
  - We envision a creative-learning ecosystem that is nurturing, liberating, and responsive. This community network - including students and artists of all ages, cultures, genders and means - makes opportunities for artistic expression and professional development accessible, empowering, and transformative.
- **Honoring & Collaborating**
  - We value creative learning approaches of cultural sensitivity, inclusive collaboration, empathy, respect, and excellence through authenticity. We believe these approaches empower artists and learners by fostering the safety to be problem-solvers, facilitating the inspiration to be creative, activating the tools to be adaptive, strengthening the support to be brave, and unleashing the freedom to be unique.

#### **BROOKLYN ARTS COUNCIL'S VALUES:**

Brooklyn Arts Council strives to foster a diverse, inclusive, and equitable workplace where our employees and volunteers – whatever their gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, age, sexual orientation or identity, education, or ability – feel valued and respected. We are committed to being a nondiscriminatory organization that provides equal opportunity for employment and advancement in our programs and at our worksites. We respect and value diverse life experiences and heritages, and work to ensure that all voices are valued and heard. We are committed to modeling diversity and inclusion for the arts community in Brooklyn, and to maintaining an inclusive environment with equitable treatment for all.

Brooklyn Arts Council prohibits any form of workplace harassment based on race, color, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, genetic information, ability, or veteran status.

#### **POSITION OVERVIEW AND GOALS:**

Brooklyn Arts Council invites dynamic, experienced, and creative Teaching Artists to apply to our Arts in Education Program for Fall & Spring residencies. We are looking for Teaching Artists in all disciplines. For additional information about BAC's programming, please visit our [website](#).

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Designing and executing an age-appropriate, project-based arts curriculum.
- Preparing for and producing culminating presentations at assigned site(s).
- Collaborating effectively with coworkers and communicating regularly with supervisory staff.
- Submitting complete lesson plans, timesheets, reports and other vital administrative documentation.

**DESIRED SKILLS & EXPERTISE:**

- Artistic Excellence, including quality and scope of professional artistic work, and depth of knowledge within an artistic discipline.
- Engaging Teaching, especially incorporating the creative process, reaching students across diverse developmental levels, yielding quality student work, strong understanding of learning standards in the arts, and substantial experience in NYC public school classrooms, including strong classroom management skills.
- Professionalism, including abilities to plan with others, to articulate goals and objectives, and to adapt to varying student populations and school environments.

**TO APPLY:**

Teaching Artists are asked to apply via this [online application](#). You may begin the application and return to it later. BAC is an Equal Opportunity Employer and strives to build a staff and board that reflects the cultural diversity of New York, the constituencies and neighborhoods BAC serves.

**We highly encourage Black, Indigenous, people of color and people who identify as LGBTQIA+ to apply.**

**Please send any questions or accessibility needs to:**

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