

# KITCHENER-WATERLOO ART GALLERY

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

**Job Title:** Artist Educator  
**Reports to:** Director of Public Programs  
**Hours of Work:** Hours of work are based on bookings.

## POSITION SUMMARY

The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery is seeking contract Artist Educators to join the team and deliver studio-based and exhibition related programming throughout the year. Artist Educators are responsible for assisting with program planning and design, leading tours, and delivering hands-on workshops and courses.

The Artist Educator position is ideal for working professional artists or those pursuing a career in the visual arts who are interested in engaging with the Gallery and contemporary art as well as contributing to the community in an educational context while enriching their practice in the process. Flexible, part-time hours make it possible to balance work with studio, class or personal time. Hours will vary depending on exhibitions and seasons. Every effort is made to provide Artist Educators with regular work throughout the year.

Artist Educators are an integral part of the following:

### **KWAG SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

School Programs at the Gallery offer unique opportunities for students to connect to the world of art and ideas as well as to learn directly from original works of art and the artistic process of artists.

Designed to connect to current exhibitions as well as support the visual arts curriculum, KWAG School Programs emphasize an interactive approach to learning about art and are delivered both at the Gallery and offsite in the classroom. Programs offsite are usually 1 hour in length per classroom, programs at the Gallery are 2 hours and include a one-hour tour and one-hour studio workshop.

KWAG School Programs are delivered regularly throughout the year and Artist Educators can expect to lead approximately 5-10 school program workshops per month. Peak time is during the annual *Expressions* exhibition of student art often booked between February and May.

### **STUDIO PROGRAMS**

Artist Educators have the opportunity to design and deliver lessons for the following programs:

**Kid's Classes**– 6-8 week courses, Fall, Winter, Spring terms  
**March Break Camp**– 1 week camp program during March Break  
**Summer Art Camp** – 6 week summer program, July - August

## **FAMILY PROGRAMS**

Artist educators will have an integral role in this area. **Family Sundays** occur on the first Sunday of each month while other specialized Family Workshops occur Saturdays throughout the year. Hands-on art workshops are components of these programs. No program design is required for onsite family programs.

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The Gallery delivers hands-on art making workshops at festivals in the region (generally for families from June – September) and in partnership with other community organizations, either at the Gallery or off-site. Community partners include but are not limited to: The City of Kitchener, The Family Centre, and Kitchener Public Library.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Degree in Arts Education; Fine Arts; Art History; or related field;
- Ability to work in and teach a wide range of media;
- Knowledge of current education practices in museums and galleries;
- Demonstrated ability to teach educational programs in the visual arts, for diverse audiences, and use diverse methods for delivery, including virtual presentations;
- Excellent communication and writing skills;
- Ability to work independently and within deadlines;
- Ability to interact with public in a positive, enthusiastic, and professional manner;
- Ability to facilitate creative discussion and experimentation relating to artistic process;
- Knowledge of Ontario visual arts curriculum and positive classroom management skills;
- Working knowledge of contemporary art practice;
- Able to work flexible hours - must be available during the day throughout the week (especially Wednesday through Friday);
- Current Vulnerable Sector Police check required.

**Deadline Date:** Open until filled

**Apply:** Apply in writing with a cover letter, resume, and teaching philosophy statement

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Only candidates selected for further consideration will be contacted.