

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 a contract Artist Educator to join our 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 who are interested in engaging with the Gallery and contributing their talent to the community in an educational context and enriching their practice in the process. Flexible, part-time hours make it possible to balance working with studio-time. Hours will vary according to week and season and every effort is made to provide Artist Educators with regular work throughout the year.

Artist Educators work in the following areas:

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 living and historical artists.

Designed to relate 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 one hour in length per classroom, while programs at the Gallery are two 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. Our peak time is during the annual *Expressions* exhibition of student art, when we are usually fully booked for the month of May. Artist Educators can expect to lead approximately 10-15 school program workshops during *Expressions*.

STUDIO PROGRAMS

Artist Educators have the opportunity to design and instruct their own lessons for the following programs:

Kid's Classes: 6-8 week courses offered during the Fall, Winter, Spring terms

Art Escape March Break Camp: one-week camp program during March Break

Summer Art Camp: six one-week summer programs, July-August

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Artist Educators will have an integral role in this area of programming. **Family Sundays** occur on the first Sunday of each month, with other specialized family workshops occasionally occurring on Saturdays throughout the year. Hands-on art workshops are components of both family programs. No program design required for on-site 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, Kitchener Public Library, Waterloo Public Library and Reception House.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Degree in Arts Education, Fine Arts, Art History, or related field
- Exhibition history or evidence of intent to exhibit work
- Minimum one year of teaching experience (formal or informal settings) or equivalent
- Ability to work in and teach a wide range of media
- Demonstrated ability to create educational programs for diverse audiences in the visual arts
- Knowledge of public art galleries/museum field and practice
- 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 with availability during the day throughout the week (especially Wednesday through Friday)
- Valid Ontario Driver's License and access to a vehicle required
- Current Vulnerable Sector Police check required

Deadline Date: Friday 20 March, 2020, 4:00 PM

Apply:

Apply in writing with a cover letter and resume

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Only candidates selected for further consideration will be contacted.