

# KITCHENER-WATERLOO ART GALLERY

## Artist Educator

### Profile

The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery is seeking a contract Artist Educator to 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.

### Reports to

Director of Public Programs

Part-time contractual; \$30/hour for instructional time and \$17/hour for preparatory time. Hours of work are based on bookings.

### Duties and Responsibilities:

Artist Educators develop and deliver programs in the following areas:

#### School Programs

Designed to relate to current exhibitions as well as support the Ontario visual arts curriculum, KWAG School Programs emphasize an interactive approach to learning about art and are delivered at the Gallery, offsite in the classroom, and remotely via virtual platforms. Offsite and virtual programs are usually one hour in length per classroom; programs at the Gallery are two hours and include a one-hour tour and one-hour studio workshop.

School Programs are delivered regularly throughout the school 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.

#### Studio Programs

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

- **Kids Classes:** 6-8 week courses during the Fall, Winter, and Spring terms
- **March Break Camp:** Week-long day camp program during March Break
- **Summer Art Camps:** Six week-long day camp programs, July-August

## **Family Programs**

Artist Educators will have an integral role in Family Sunday programs and other specialized family workshops that occasionally occur on Saturdays throughout the year. In-person and virtual art workshops are regular 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 to 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.

## **Skills & Requirements**

- Degree in Arts Education, Fine Arts, Art History, or related field
- Exhibition history or evidence of intent to exhibit work
- Minimum of 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 in the visual arts, for diverse audiences, and using diverse delivery methods including virtual presentation
- Knowledge of public art galleries/museums field and practice
- Excellent communication and writing skills
- Ability to work independently and within deadlines
- Ability to interact with the 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)
- Valid Ontario Driver's License and access to a vehicle required
- Current Vulnerable Sector Police check required.

Please apply with a cover letter, resume, and teaching philosophy statement by Friday 10 December at 5:00 pm to:

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Director of Finance & Administration  
Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery  
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The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery's is committed to being an inclusive and respectful workplace. We encourage and welcome applications that contribute to the further diversification of the Gallery including, but not limited to, women, racialized persons, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and 2SLGBTQ+ persons.

We thank all applicants, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.