



JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION/TITLE:	Teaching Artist, ColorLab
DEPARTMENT:	Education
SUPERVISOR:	Vice President of Exhibits and Education
FULL TIME/PART TIME:	Part-time
EXEMPT/NON-EXEMPT:	Non-Exempt

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Brooklyn Children's Museum (BCM) seeks part-time Teaching Artists to develop and facilitate family art programs in BCM's art studio, ColorLab, and in other parts of the Museum. ColorLab encourages artists of all ages to explore, make and celebrate art. ColorLab programs are rooted in Black cultures, and highlight the work of African American, Afro-Caribbean, and African contemporary artists in Brooklyn and around the world.

Teaching Artists will teach and facilitate public and school programs, and will collaborate with the BCM Education team to design and deliver art-making programs that are process oriented, inclusive and courageous. Candidates should be excited by the opportunity to interpret the ColorLab mission in meaningful and authentic ways for children ages 3-8 years old and their families. Ideal candidates will be outgoing, enjoy meeting and talking with people, and appreciate collaboration. Because of the nature of work with young children and families, flexibility and adaptability are essential qualities for this role.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop and design ColorLab and other public program experiences in collaboration with BCM Education department staff.
- Facilitate and teach arts and culture programs in ColorLab and other parts of the Museum.
- Create a welcoming environment for families in ColorLab, greeting children and caregivers on arrival, guiding them through activities, and providing materials and information to help families confidently navigate the space.
- Contribute to the training of Education team members, volunteers, and teen interns in preparation for them to facilitate experiences in ColorLab.
- Co-develop and create teaching manipulatives, signs, models, and other multi-media materials for program.
- Maintain supplies and spaces, and participate in regular cleaning and organizing, including wiping down areas, taking inventory and stocking materials, and tidying before and after workshops.
- Other Education Department and Museum-wide responsibilities as needed.

REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's Degree and demonstrated interest in arts education for young children
- At least 2 years of work experience with children in an education, arts, summer camp, after school, museum or other relevant setting
- Exemplary verbal and written communication
- Experience writing lesson plans, developing and delivering programs related to multicultural themes and art
- Desire to interact with young children and families, and commitment to accessible learning for children of all abilities
- Ability to work collaboratively and independently
- Warmth, positive energy and a sincere love of working with youth and their families
- Flexibility, adaptability and openness to constructive feedback
- Knowledge of and interest in Black art, artists and cultures
- Familiarity with Brooklyn and its diverse communities, particularly Central Brooklyn
- Knowledge of object/inquiry based learning techniques preferred
- Proficient with Macs, PCs, Microsoft Office, Google Apps, and Dropbox
- Ability to stand for long periods of time and to lift up to 10 pounds
- Ability to wear a mask for long periods of time, knowledge of basic COVID safety provisions, and willingness to comply with all COVID and other safety guidelines

SCHEDULE

Up to 21 hours a week depending on program needs. Weekend availability required.

COMPENSATION

\$20/hour, paid every two weeks

APPLICATION

Please send a cover letter and resume as 1 PDF to careers@brooklynkids.org with "[Your Last Name]–TeachingArtist" in the subject header. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. No telephone calls for position inquiries, please.

ABOUT BROOKLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Brooklyn Children's Museum (www.brooklynkids.org) is the world's first children's museum and a pioneer in the field of informal learning. Inspired by the energy and diversity of our borough, Brooklyn Children's Museum's mission is to create experiences that ignite curiosity, celebrate identity and cultivate joyful learning. Located in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, the Museum serves 300,000 children and adults annually through its exhibits, school, public and after school programs.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT

Brooklyn Children's Museum is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, national origin, ethnic origin, citizenship status, disability, race, religion, creed, gender, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, marital status, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local law in its employment policies.

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