

Title: Dance Instructor

Primary Function: The primary role of the Dance Instructor is to teach students from K-8th Grade various styles of dance. They will rotate between one or more groups throughout the week. This will culminate in a performance of each group's original dance routine that may include original music (created through collaboration with a music instructor) each semester. The Instructor must ensure that they are meeting each child's physical, social and emotional needs during their lessons in accordance to our standards.

Salary: \$25-\$35 p/h based on experience + prep/planning time.

Reports to: Site Director and/or Program Director

Work Hours: 5-15 p/w. Depending on program location.

Locations: Manhattan and Bronx

Responsibilities and Duties

- Instruct and manage a group of approximately twenty (20) children in dance classes (typically 45min-1 hour in length) that are developmentally appropriate.
- Manage and supervise a teaching team (group leaders, counselors and interns) where applicable
- Engage students in a process that includes group building activities, improvisation, instruction in various styles of dance, rehearsal, and performance skills to create an original story and develop theatre skills.
- Collaborate with students and Music and Theater Instructors (where applicable) to prepare a performance each semester. This will be shared with parents and the school community.
- Create a semester outline and lesson plans that embody the goals of Kids Creative and its partners and share with Kids Creative Program Director. Submit lesson plans in a timely manner.
- Collaborate with the Program Director to develop semester outlines and lesson plans
- Share creative material with Kids Creative each semester.
- Establish and promote Kids Creative's "C" Values for community and peace building in the classroom.
- Attend staff meetings and bi-monthly staff professional developments.

Qualifications and Skills

- Bachelor's Degree and minimum 3 years' experience working with youth in an arts based programs
- Have a strong commitment to youth development and be familiar with common pedagogy in arts education
- Have experience teaching dance, devising performances with children and guiding them through the creative process of creating their own original work.
- Flexibility to adapt and meet the children where they are, while also possessing the ability to challenge, and provide a space for the children to learn new theatre skills
- Ability to engage different age groups and levels of experience
- Have experience creating and implementing lesson plans and collaborating with other Teaching Artists
- Be amiable to fingerprinting and security clearance by NYC Dept. of Education
- Be confident, energetic and enthusiastic about the work. Inspire children to be confident and excited
- Be excellent team players and leaders, able to bring the best out of their co-workers
- Have expertise in various styles of dance