



## Seeking Theater Teaching Artists and Substitutes for the Mariposa Arts after school program

**Applications due: March 11, 2022**

**Program Overview:** Each year, Arts Council Santa Cruz County sparks young imaginations in schools that have little or no funding for arts during the school day through its Arts Education programs, SPECTRA and Mariposa Arts. Youth learn to express themselves, innovate, think critically, positively affect their communities through the arts.

Through Mariposa Arts *Teach* programs, we engage teaching artists, high schoolers, and elementary and middle school students. High school students find their voices and discover their creative gifts through training that steeps them in the arts and supports development of powerful life skills such as public speaking, lesson planning, and classroom management. Together with professional artists, they co-teach lessons, share creative experiences with younger students, and become leaders, mentors, and role models.

**Position Overview:** The Teaching Artist mentor recruits and supports a small group of high school students in their artistic development – drama/theater -- and trains them in teaching skills. They then accompany these high school Student Teachers to elementary and middle school classrooms in after school programs and support them in teaching the younger children in the art form.

In our after school drama classes, we provide exposure to the art form by building the fundamental skills of verbal and non-verbal communication, empathy, focus, imagination, and self-confidence. The younger students come away with a sharper socio-emotional fluency having discovered the power of their own voice and the value of collaboration. The Teaching Artist is responsible for lesson planning and, together with the Arts Education Manager, assuring smooth operation of the program on all levels.

The high school Student Teachers will also work with their Teaching Artist to create a social justice project that uses their art discipline to address a topic the students are passionate about. This process is overseen and supervised by the Teaching Artist. Throughout the course of the school year, they will guide the students through the design, creation and presentation/performance of their project. The projects are presented at the end of the year at our annual Student Teacher Showcase in May.

**Hours and Commitment:** There is a minimum commitment of one school year for this position. Hours range between 3-15 per week depending on the number of classes scheduled. Classes are generally 3 hours a day between 1-6pm Monday-Friday. Occasional additional hours required for training, evaluation, and outreach.

**Rate of Pay:** \$20-\$28/hr. depending on years of experience and level of expertise.

**To Apply:** Please submit resume, three references, work samples, and cover letter explaining your interest and experience as it relates to this position in a single PDF to Andres Ortiz [andres@artscouncilsc.org](mailto:andres@artscouncilsc.org). Applications due by March 11 at 5:00 pm.

**Requisite Skills:**

- Knowledge of theory and practice of the art from
- Ability to effectively scaffold lessons for beginner and intermediate level students
- Teaching experience to effectively facilitate learning in a classroom of up to 25 students in grades 2nd-5th and/or 6th-8th.
- Facilitation and mentorship experience with high school youth
- An understanding of Visual and Performing Arts State Standards
- Proficiency in and regular access to phone, email, Word/Excel, and Google Suite

**Desired Qualities:**

- Interest and enthusiasm for the arts, youth empowerment, and equity in education
- Professional, compassionate, and flexible
- Strong communication and organization skills
- Bilingual in Spanish/English
- Residency in or connection to Watsonville community

**Summary of Responsibilities:**

**Administration**

- Develop and maintain positive working relationships with administrative staff, after-school site coordinators, teachers, and students
- Maintain supplies and attendance and evaluation records
- Participate in ongoing program evaluation
- Participate in annual trainings and events
- Collect/document student projects for annual showcase

**Teaching**

- Plan and organize developmentally appropriate curriculum for classes
- Demonstrate arts discipline techniques and forms of expression
- Facilitate for individuals, and groups of 15-25 with a mix of knowledge levels
- Evaluate student comprehension and adjust as needed
- Recruit, train, mentor, and supervise high school students

## Requirements

- Negative TB test
- DOJ Background check with the County Office of Education
- Personal, reliable transportation with good driving record and insurance
- At least 21 years of age

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