



# TEACHING ARTISTS

Destiny Arts Center's mission is to inspire and ignite social change through the arts. Our community of teaching artists provide the foundation for all our programs. Our classes and workshops develop an appreciation for the arts, develop youths' skills in various artistic disciplines, promote lifelong learning, and transform people and communities.

We are currently hiring for Teaching Artists who can teach Hip Hop Dance, Martial Arts, Spoken Word, Theater, Percussion, and Traditional Performing Arts. Please see the description below:

## **Customary Schedule:**

- a. Customary Work Hours: Variable
- b. Potential Work Days: Monday-Saturday
- c. Part-Time (average of 4-15 hours per week)
- d. \$45-\$55 per hour instructional rate

## **Position Summary:**

Teaching Artists work hands-on with youth at both our North Oakland community center as well as through our School & Community Programs, teaching Hip Hop Dance, Martial Arts, Spoken Word, Theater, Percussion and Traditional Performing Arts. Programs are conducted throughout the East Bay. As ambassadors of Destiny Arts Center, Teaching Artists are expected to embody Destiny's culture of welcome and carry Destiny's values into the venues where they teach. Teaching Artists are expected to maintain a high level of professionalism, artistic mastery and administrative accountability.

## **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Select and plan all class content, which include opening and closing circles, performing arts technique, choreography, and scaffold opportunities for creative expression, exploration and reflection. This includes selecting age appropriate music for choreography for dance classes.
- Attend staff trainings regularly - 1 Friday of each month during the school year.

- Work closely with the Destiny staff to make sure that all duties are handled efficiently in all of your classes.
- Set clear classroom expectations and boundaries with youth in Destiny School and Community Programs and hold students accountable to the expectations by communicating any issues with the school coordinator, Destiny Program Staff and parents/caregivers
- Role model to all youth the strict adherence to all Destiny rules and expectations.
- Embody Destiny's mission of social change when creating curriculum, choosing music and performance material for your students.
- Administer student evaluations and take attendance if necessary
- Complete and submit accurate time sheets in a timely manner.

### **Non Physical Demands/Qualifications:**

- Minimum of three years of experience teaching youth preferably with a youth development approach and teaching movement arts and/or martial arts.
- Passionate about working with young people and able to manage classroom time and events in a professional manner.
- A strong commitment to the mission, goals and work of Destiny Arts Center.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills with the ability to facilitate, support and inspire youth and collaborate with colleagues.
- Experience working with diverse youth populations.
- Must be patient with the ability to clearly explain and instruct youth in the discipline being taught.
- Ability to teach in unstructured school environments.
- Ability to create lesson plans for short-term and long-term residency programs.
- Ability to commit to school year-long residencies is preferred.
- Effective interpersonal skills necessary to interact with management, staff, students and parents/guardians.
- Maintain consistent communication through email, phone and in person.
- Basic computer skills and familiarity with (or ability to learn) Word, Excel and Google Drive.
- Negative TB Test.
- Live Scan Test
- Reliable, personal transportation is preferred.
- Multilingual, people of color and LGBTQIQ2S candidates are encouraged to apply.

### **How To Apply:**

Actively accepting applications on a rolling basis. To apply: email a resume and cover letter with the subject line: DAC Teaching Artist to [careers@destinyarts.org](mailto:careers@destinyarts.org). Only complete applications will be accepted. No phone calls or inquiries.