

Arts Integration Coach – Job Posting with Young Audiences for The Right Brain Initiative

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Application Deadline: June 25, 2017; Start date August 14, 2017

Position Status: Part-time; non-exempt; 15-25 hours per week (10 month position aligned with the school year)

Compensation: \$17-19.50 per hour

Reports To: Coach Team Lead

Position Summary:

Young Audiences is seeking a new team member with a background in education, stellar organizational and interpersonal skills, and the ability to successfully juggle many tasks to support the implementation of The Right Brain Initiative. Young Audiences serves as the Implementation Partner for The Right Brain Initiative, a program of the Regional Arts & Culture Council (RACC), providing oversight for the delivery of arts-integrated residencies and services to partnering K-8 schools in the tri-county area.

Arts Integration Coaches guide schools through the design and implementation of Right Brain arts-integrated residencies including identifying goals, facilitating meetings, and coaching towards quality arts integration for classroom teachers and teaching artists.

Young Audiences is an equal opportunity employer and we strongly encourage applicants of all backgrounds, including people of color and from communities underrepresented in the arts and education fields.

Essential Position Responsibilities:

- Work directly with schools to identify, support, and assess school goals for arts-integrated residencies.
- Provide clear and consistent communications to partnering schools - including administrators, teachers, art specialists and instructional coaches - and teaching artists to support high quality arts-integrated residencies.
- Facilitate collaborative residency planning between teaching artists and classroom teachers.
- Coordinate the completion and collection of all documentation related to residencies.
- Work with the Right Brain Program Manager, Coach Team Lead and Teaching Artist Specialist to lead and co-lead Professional Learning Community opportunities for teaching artists.
- Engage collaboratively with the Right Brain team to support the program's vision and create a cohesive and respectful working environment.
- Facilitate Right Brain protocol during annual spring colloquium event.

Qualifications and Experience

Required:

- Experience in a school environment, successfully developing positive school culture and climate
- Knowledge of local school systems, structures and cultures and the ability to build relationships
- Strong understanding of instructional practice including arts integration
- Outstanding interpersonal and organizational skills
- Excellent oral and written communication skills and ability to be a good listener
- Cultural flexibility/agility and a commitment to fostering an inclusive work environment and equitable community
- Ability to synthesize and organize input from many sources, manage multiple timelines and meet deadlines

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- Resourceful, self-motivated and creative thinker able to adapt to changing circumstances
- Flexible schedule to accommodate school needs
- Ability and willingness to commute to schools throughout Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties (including Gresham, Portland, Hillsboro, Welches, Boring, etc.)
- Competency with office technology (MS Office suite, Google applications, etc.)
- Ability to pass a criminal background check

Preferred:

- College degree
- Experience as a classroom teacher or teaching artist
- Reliable transportation
- Proficiency in non-English languages and cultures
- Familiarity with local arts and arts education organizations
- Experience working with databases

Please submit your application to Kim Strelchun, Coach Team Lead, by email (jobs@ya-or.org), in person, or by postal mail (1220 SW Morrison Street, Suite 1000, Portland, OR 97205) including:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- List of 3 references
- Optional: a letter of recommendation or other documentation from a principal or someone who can attest to your effectiveness in a school setting.

Any questions may be directed via email to jobs@ya-or.org

Subject line of email should include "Arts Integration Coach Application"

About Young Audiences of Oregon & SW Washington

Young Audiences Arts for Learning of Oregon & SW Washington is our region's most comprehensive arts in education non-profit organization, serving kids, teens and families in partnership with artists, educators and community organizations since 1958. Young Audiences provides workshops, residencies and performances across performing, media and visual arts disciplines for young people in school and community settings; offers training for artists to be more effective educators; gives classroom teachers the tools to integrate the arts into their teaching practice; and brings fundraising support to schools for arts education through the Run for the Arts. Young Audiences is a dynamic, forward-thinking organization with a dedicated, mission-driven, creative work culture. Young Audiences has been the proud Implementation Partner for The Right Brain Initiative since its launch. Visit www.ya-or.org for more information.

About The Right Brain Initiative

The Right Brain Initiative is a community partnership working to transform learning for all children through the arts, creativity, innovation and whole-brain thinking. We ignite a culture of creativity in K-8 classrooms by helping teachers weave the arts with core subjects. In 2016-17, we served nearly 27,500 students across seven school districts in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties. We're a program of the Regional Arts & Culture Council. Young Audiences of Oregon & SW Washington serves as Implementation Partner and Portland State University is our Evaluation Partner. Read more online at TheRightBrainInitiative.org.