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S O U T H E R N E X P O S U R E

TEACHING ARTIST JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Southern Exposure's art program at Downtown High School PART TIME ART INSTRUCTOR/ SILK SCREEN ARTIST (1 paid position)

Southern Exposure's nationally recognized Artists in Education (AIE) program brings together diverse youth, artists, schools and organizations in a dynamic series of innovative programs. AIE offers youth opportunities to learn critical, artistic, vocational, and cultural experiences beyond the traditional school environment. It also offers professional teaching opportunities for local emerging artists to become arts educators, extending their practice into the community. Sparking a dialogue on contemporary artistic practice and sociopolitical issues, AIE demonstrates the role of artists in society and reflects the conceptual thinking from our exhibition programs to provide new means of expression for youth. With the decrease of art taught in the public schools and the lack of positive, creative outlets for youth, AIE fills a crucial need in the community.

Southern Exposure seeks a PART TIME ART INSTRUCTOR/ SILK SCREEN ARTIST to conduct a 12-week curriculum for Southern Exposure's school partnership program at Downtown High School. Artists will work with students to create a silk screening studio that focuses on developing young artists' understanding of screen printing and develop printing skills. Topics to explore include t-shirt design, poster campaigns, logo design, site-specific projects, and issues reflecting the students and the neighborhood. Instructor will lead youth through idea, concept and design.

Qualifications

- Teaching experience, particularly with urban youth
- Expertise in silk screen production, airbrush, graphic design
- Experience in art curriculum design
- Hands on experience with installations and de-installation of projects and exhibitions
- Experience developing socially relevant projects
- Good communication skills
- Experience working collaboratively

Job Duties and Responsibilities

- Collaborate with the AIE Program Manager to design an after-school arts workshop & curriculum for Downtown high school
- Assist with the gathering of resources and materials for project
- Bring in relevant guest speakers and coordinate field trips for youth
- Inform Downtown High School Staff and AIE Program Manager about the progress, achievements, and challenges of the participants
- Help evaluate students experiences and program
- Ability to commit to attending all workshops, meetings, and ability to meet deadlines

Curriculum: If hired, artist is required to write a twelve-week curriculum including lesson goals, skills learned, class activities, materials needed, themes explored, field trips, and final project goals.

Start Date: September 8, 2008

End Date: December 15, 2008

Time Commitment: An hour and a half mid day class a week, prep time, planning meetings, and periodic meetings with AIE Program Manager and/or Downtown High School staff members

Compensation: \$30 per hour of class time, two hours prep time each week, planning and evaluation meetings, plus materials and final project stipend.

To apply: Mail or deliver resume, with no more than 10 images (of your work). Please include a one paragraph description of your idea for the workshops that address the thematic focus of the program to:

Tara Foley
Artists in Education Program Manager
Downtown High School Teaching Opportunity
Southern Exposure
417 14th Street
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Deadline to apply: Thursday, Aug 21, 2008 at 5pm.

No late or email applications accepted. You must include a SASE for return of materials.