



ArtsConnection seeks a dynamic, engaging **Theater Instructor** for the **Teen Reviewers and Critics Program (TRaC)**.

January-May, 2018

TRaC is a 10-session arts criticism residency for high school students offered weekly during the Spring of 2018, preferably after school on Wednesdays (may be able to switch to Thursdays).

Theater TRaC teens attend up to five performances around New York City and learn to engage critically with the work by writing and peer-editing reviews. Teens can apply to one of six sections (dance, theater, music, visual arts, film and multi-arts), each of which is limited to 15 participants. In addition to writing instruction, each residency is designed to expand the participants' literacy in the art form. As our mission is to provide equal access all teens, the TRaC program is FREE for all participants.

Our Work

ArtsConnection is one of New York City's most comprehensive arts education organizations. For almost 40 years, ArtsConnection has made a profound difference in the lives of the City's children by providing nationally recognized programming in the performing, visual, and media arts to the New York City K-12 Public Schools in the five boroughs of New York City.

ArtsConnection's out-of-school-time Teen Programs provide young people with various art-going and art-making opportunities that challenge them intellectually and socially; helping them to develop greater college and career readiness skills, and extending their experience beyond the classroom. ArtsConnection Teen Programs attracts 15,000 young people each year through High 5 Tickets to the Arts, Teen Reviewers and Critics, Student Art Program, Pizza and a Movie, Teen Advisory Council, and internships.

For more information about ArtsConnection Teen Programs, please visit our website:

<https://teens.artsconnection.org/>

Responsibilities

- Prepare curriculum and teach 10 weekly two-hour sessions in the Spring of 2018, in addition to escorting teens to up to 5 live theater performances
- Engage teens in discussion and writing about theater that encourages them to exercise critical thinking, articulate their individual perspectives with confidence, respect the opinions of others, and complete final projects that offer critical responses to theater
- Engage in ongoing reflection and assessment of their own teaching practices to enhance teens' learning experiences

- Share unique artistic perspectives with teen participants and help them to experience the joy of learning in and through the arts
- Support teens through the editing of their written work
- Report to the Teen Programs Manager and document the work in a curriculum outline.
- Additional administrative duties include: communicating with participants and their families, setting up workshop space with required materials and snacks, keeping attendance, scheduling and lead trips

Qualifications

- Experience developing lesson plans and sequential units of study to build age-appropriate arts literacy skills and understanding
- Skills/training and professional experience in theater and writing instruction
- Teaching experience in a high school or teen after-school setting preferred
- Willingness to travel with teens
- Ongoing commitment to strengthening teaching practice through feedback, professional development, inquiry, and collaboration
- Demonstrated reliability and responsiveness to administration and learners.

How to Apply

Deadline extended: Sunday December 3rd, 2017

Please go to our website: <http://artsconnection.org/apply/> and complete Teaching Artist Application with the following materials (in PDF):

- A cover letter explaining your approach to teaching teens how to view, interpret and write about theater and the philosophy that informs your work.
- A résumé demonstrating your experience and training as an instructor.
- An outline of a ten-session theater residency for teens or high school students. Include the goals of the residency and the daily learning goals, activities, and possible performances for each session, that support a final project for each student.

Compensation starts \$50 per hour of instruction, earning up to \$3300 per semester. This is a temporary position. No calls, please.

ArtsConnection is an equal opportunity employer. We have a strong commitment to equity and inclusion, and value the leadership and skills of people from diverse backgrounds. People of color, LGBTQ persons, and people from other historically marginalized backgrounds are encouraged to apply.