



Call For Teaching Artists ***Artist in Residency Program***

The Call

North Dakota Council on the Arts is looking to expand and enrich its Artist in Residence Program through collaborations with teaching artists. Are you a professional artist, musician, writer, actor, director, dancer, media expert, storyteller, folk, traditional or multicultural artist that has experience teaching your chosen medium? Do you want to take an active role in shaping and inspiring the creative capital of tomorrow? Do you celebrate the transformative power of artistic self-expression as a means for creating a higher quality of life for all? If so, please consider joining us in achieving our mission “to make the arts central to education in North Dakota and to support and expand arts education opportunities for all citizens within our schools and communities.”

NDCA Artist in Residence - Teaching Artist Program

The mission of the North Dakota Council on the Arts, Arts in Education program is designed to enrich and support arts education throughout North Dakota. This mission is supported by the belief that professional artists can enhance the educational process and provide inroads to learning that are engaging, creative, and meaningful. The intent of the program is to enrich and support quality education, not to supplant or in any way furnish a substitute for school-based arts education programs or services more appropriately provided by state certified arts instructors.

What is a Teaching Artist?

A teaching artist is an “artist-educator,” who is able to translate their creative process into an instructional setting. Nationally recognized teaching artist and author Eric Booth developed the following definition: “A teaching artist is a practicing professional artist with the complementary skills and sensibilities of an educator, who engages people in learning experiences in, through, and about the arts.” Teaching artists represent all disciplines including craft, dance, literary arts, media arts, music, storytelling, theatre, visual arts, folk/traditional arts, and multicultural arts.

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING ARTISTS ARE:

- Accomplished artists in their field.
- Able to teach their art form(s) which includes skills such as organization, classroom management, public speaking and knowledge of how various educational systems

operate (schools, social service agencies, after-school programs, community centers, etc.).

- Business-minded, possessing the ability to self-market, work within a budget, and deliver projects on-time and in the manner proposed.
- Great communicators and able to facilitate conversations with teachers, community leaders and other individuals through the process of creating and designing educational projects.

Teaching artists are an invaluable resource for schools and communities and greatly contribute to the overall process of learning. Ways in which teaching artists intersect with schools and community-based organizations may include:

- Short and long-term in-school and after-school residencies.
- Arts integration instruction that supports higher order thinking skills in which students learn math, science, language arts and social studies through visual art, music, dance and/or theatre.
- Curriculum-based projects using K-12 arts and non-arts education standards.
- Core arts instruction in visual art, dance, theatre, and/or music.
- Professional development for educators.
- Lifelong learning in the arts through community events, classes and workshops.

What is the Artist in Residence - Teaching Artist Roster?

The roster is an online searchable database of professional teaching artists approved to work on North Dakota Council on the Arts, Artist in Residence Grant projects and programs. The roster is a central location where schools, arts organizations, and other agencies applying for an Artist in Residence Grant can go to locate professional teaching artists. Artists must apply to the roster and, once approved by a panel of adjudicators, are included on the roster as part of the North Dakota Council on the Art's website.

Roster Eligibility

Applications from prospective teaching artists must be submitted by April 1 or November 1. (Please contact Rebecca Engelman, Arts in Education Director to verify eligibility before applying.) Currently, North Dakota Council on the Arts gives priority to applications from in-state artists or artists who reside no more than 50 miles over the state line. Professional artists are encouraged to apply. North Dakota Council on the Arts defines professional artists as individuals who earn 50% or more of their income from their artistic work. Unfortunately, the North Dakota Council on the Arts cannot accept applications from college students.

Once approved, teaching artists are eligible to be on the Artist in Residence - Teaching Artist Roster for three years. New teaching artists must participate in two annual NDCA training sessions over the first three-year period. This training is provided at no cost to teaching artists who reside within North Dakota or no more than 50 miles over the state line.

Maintaining Status on the Roster

To maintain status, artists must re-submit their profile every three years to prove active participation. Applicants will be notified of this requirement at the appropriate time. Active participation includes proof of contracted residencies, professional development, presentations, etc. The re-submission of the profile will serve as a means of roster renewal. As of June 2015, North Dakota Council on the Arts requires all teaching artists currently on the Teaching Artist Roster to reapply every three years using these updated guidelines.

Inclusion on the roster is not a guarantee of employment. North Dakota Council on the Arts, nor its staff, act as agents on behalf of artists. Teaching artists accepted to the roster are expected to market their services directly to schools and other organizations with whom they wish to collaborate. Marketing materials should include a link to the artist's roster page and potential grant opportunities.

How to Apply

To apply to the NDCA Artist in Residence - Teaching Roster, contact Rebecca Engelman, Arts in Education Director to determine eligibility. (701)328-7593 or rengelman@nd.gov.

Once eligibility has been approved, complete the New Artist Application found at: http://www.nd.gov/arts/sites/default/files/PDFs/AIR_NewArtistApplication.pdf

Applications are accepted on a yearly basis. Deadline for applications is April 1 and November 1.

Questions? Please contact:

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