



Harlem School of the Arts Employment Opportunity **Summer Arts Camp Senior Counselor Teaching Artist**

Harlem School of the Arts seeks a passionate, experienced Teaching Artist to perform the role of Senior Camp Counselors supervising students and camp counselors at its Herb Alpert Center in Harlem. Formerly ARTScape, The Harlem Summer Arts Experience celebrates Harlem's rich history and the interdisciplinary approach to learning by offering age-appropriate activity sessions from all five disciplines, music, dance, theater, visual arts and musical theater. The Harlem Summer Arts Experience 2021 camp will run from July 6 - August 13, 2021 in two-week sessions, with a staff training and orientation over the week of June 28 - July 2, 2021. Each session culminates with a video performance for campers' families and friends.

Senior Counselor Job Summary:

Senior Counselors will be Teaching Artists who facilitate the daily flow of camp and assist arts faculty in creative activities. They offer a safe, creative, engaging place for children to immerse themselves in the arts. They must be responsible, patient, dependable, mature, independent and able to act with integrity. The Senior Counselor will also be required to help with the "end of session" performances and serve as an aid to faculty as needed. During class, Senior Counselors will ensure students are on task and engaged with the class material and be able to appropriately enforce camp rules and step in to lead classes when necessary. They will also track attendance, participation, engagement of counselors, plan breaks, manage buddy systems, and communicate effectively with parents.

All members of the staff commit to 6 weeks, 3 two-week sessions, and a week of staff training that begins on Monday, June 28. Camp sessions run Monday-Friday from 7:30am-6:00pm beginning Tuesday, July 6 and ending Monday, August 13. Senior Counselors should expect to regularly attend and actively contribute during staff meetings and assist fellow staff in the daily work of the camp. Due to the nature of the work, we advise applicants to not have any additional commitments outside of the summer experience.

Senior Counselor duties include but are not limited to:

- Attending all trainings prior to the beginning of camp
- Create a safe, welcoming, and engaging environment for children in an age-specific camp group
- Assisting Faculty with daily activities for the camp group, including art, group games, dancing, and projects inspired by the interests of the campers
- Stepping in for faculty when necessary
- Taking leadership for outdoor activities including park and pool
- Supervising the Junior Counselors
- Perform head-counts of participants throughout the day
- Ensure participants are safe (properly hydrated, playing areas are free of hazards, etc.)
- Communicating with parents about daily events and their children
- Working collaboratively with other counselors

- Communicating with administrators on a daily basis; accepting feedback and analyzing camp-based challenges and successes
- Upholding HSA's progressive education and diversity initiatives in every camp activity.

The ideal candidate will be:

- Over 21 years of age with a background in education or the arts
- At least three years of experience as lead teacher or counselor in an educational or camp program
- Able to generate and lead group activities for children between the ages of 4 and 12;
- Able to work collaboratively with other teachers and communicate effectively.
- Experienced in a creative discipline such as art, dance, theater or music is preferred.
- CPR and First Aid certification a plus

Qualifications:

- Summer Camp experience preferred
- Cultural competency to work with individuals from diverse backgrounds
- Able to work in a team environment with minimal supervision
- Experience planning activities and content developmentally appropriate and aligned with HSA's mission statement and artistic focus.
- Ability to work independently, be flexible, and manage multiple priorities
- Check emails regularly and respond to communication efforts by supervisor in a timely manner
- Work well in a team-oriented environment and maintain harmonious relationships
- Must have reliable transportation
- English/Spanish bilingual a plus

Location:

Harlem School of the Arts is located at 645 St. Nicholas Avenue in Harlem. It is easily accessible via the A, C, B, and D subway trains. Teaching locations may be at Harlem School of the Arts or at other community and school locations in Upper Manhattan.

To Apply:

Please send resume and cover letter to HSA's HR Department at employment@hsanyc.org. Please indicate **Summer Camp Senior Counselor** in the subject line.