

Employment Opportunity

ART GALLERY EDUCATOR

Employment: Full-time (with evening and weekend hours)
Supervisor: Director
Salary Range: \$37,000 - \$41,000 with a benefit package
Closing Date: July 17, 2018

Position Overview

The Art Gallery Educator is responsible for the planning, creative design, implementation and evaluation of the education programming at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery. Programming is provided throughout the year for schools, community groups and the general public.

Primary Areas of Responsibility

School Tour/Workshop Program

This core education program exposes students to current exhibitions of regional art, the work of contemporary Indigenous artists, and national travelling exhibitions. The program provides opportunities for students to respond to artwork directly, through observation and active experiential activities.

The Art Educator:

- Researches, plans and executes Gallery tour activities and workshops for school-age children and high school students;
- Communicates with teachers through various channels to market the tour/workshop program;
- Provides support to teachers seeking to expand their understanding of the Art Gallery as a learning environment;
- Recruits and trains Gallery Guides and Workshop Assistants for the program;
- Prepares reports for submission to board of education partners.

Public Tours/Visitor Engagement

Public tours of the exhibitions are offered throughout the year for community groups, post-secondary students, youth and seniors, as well as the general public. Tours are usually booked, but can be given on an impromptu basis at the request of gallery visitors.

The Art Educator:

- Researches the artists, mediums and intentions of the exhibitions to design ways for touring visitors to interact with the art on display;
- Orients the Gallery Guides to each exhibition, providing opportunities for informative presentations from curatorial staff and artists;
- Works in conjunction with the Public Programming Coordinator to plan and execute community-based activities that draw visitors to the Gallery.

Art Making Programs

The Art Gallery offers a robust program of art classes, workshops and camps to engage all age groups in creative experiences.

The Art Educator:

- Develops an annual program of art education to be implemented on a quarterly basis in response to the seasonal interests/needs of families and community members;
- Plans activities for March Break Camp, PA Days, and Summer Art Camps;
- Plans a program of children's art classes to support development of skills;
- Plans a program of adult art workshops which reflect interests identified through feedback and/or surveys;
- Recruits artist instructors working in the community or visiting from the region to participate in the education program;
- Carries out evaluation of the program as a guide to planning.

Related Responsibilities

- Liaise with the Communications and Marketing Coordinator to prepare class/workshop/camp descriptions and capture program highlights for promotion;
- Use communication channels, including social media and an e-newsletter, to provide teachers and community groups with information about art programming;
- Manage and monitor class/workshop registration;
- Provide mentoring to Art Class Assistants, volunteer Gallery Guides and Co-op students as they participate on staff;

- Collaborate with other staff members to meet the Gallery's goals for audience development and engagement with art programming.

Qualifications

- A university degree in visual art, art education, or art history;
 - Minimum 2 years teaching and/or leading various age groups in an art education context;
 - Experience working at a public art gallery would be a definite asset.
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Thunder Bay Art Gallery and the Community

Thunder Bay Art Gallery is the only public art gallery between Sault Ste. Marie and Winnipeg. The Gallery's mandate to exhibit and collect contemporary Indigenous art and the work of emerging and established regional artists is unique within the city and region. Each year, the Gallery hosts about 20 exhibitions, drawing from our permanent collection, shows of solo artist and group work, and touring exhibitions. The Art Gallery enriches the cultural life of Thunder Bay (population 110,000), through its programs and partnerships. Art programming at the Gallery is associated with quality instruction, materials, and creativity in the experiences provided. The Gallery is planning to move to an exceptional new facility on the city's waterfront by 2020. This newly-designed space will allow for expanded art programming in a highly-visible location.

How to Apply

Submit a cover letter and resume by email to:

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Thunder Bay Art Gallery

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Thunder Bay Art Gallery is committed to employment equity and to fostering a positive and diverse workforce that reflects the community we serve. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.