



Santa Barbara Dance Institute

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Open Position

Apprentice Dance Teaching Artist

Status: Seasonal, Summer 2023 with the possibility of Fall through June of 2024

Compensation: DOE \$20 - \$23 per class

Deadline: May 5, 2023

About Us:

Santa Barbara Dance Institute (SBDI) was founded in 2005, to help all individuals foster tenacity, a standard of excellence, and a belief in oneself that will carry over into all aspects of life.

Focusing on community centers and schools with little to no arts programming, SBDI offers both Professional Development for teachers and leaders as well as direct programs immersing individuals in music and dance, fostering pride in personal achievement, a love of the arts, and a curiosity about the world.

We offer inclusive dance programming that helps participants develop connection to themselves and others, a deep understanding of culture and self-expression, and a belief in themselves that will carry over into all aspects of their lives. Using SBDI's core beliefs of community, connection, and the importance of every individual voice, our goal is to see all participants develop critical life skills, build confidence, and experience the exhilarating feeling of success through dance.

About This Job:

The goal of the apprenticeship position is to create a paid learning pathway for future dance educators. SBDI will be looking for teaching artists for the 2023-2024 school year. Apprentices are responsible for supporting and learning many aspects of SBDI methodology ranging from helping to create meaningful experiences for the participants to moving furniture, setting up rooms and other administrative things like creating name tags and taking attendance.

This summer SBDI is providing educational dance programming for Santa Barbara Unified School District summer school and Goleta Unified School District summer camp. Students are elementary ages. Apply for this position if you value, equity and inclusion, the creative process, and working with children. This is an opportunity to gain hands-on experience and learn SBDI methods. Opportunities will open for Lead Instructor positions in the following school year.

Schedule:

- Santa Barbara: June 23 preparation, share and develop lesson plans.
- Santa Barbara: June 27, 28, 29, July 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12 (4 classes each afternoon, various locations)
- Goleta: July 19th & 20th preparation, share and develop lesson plans.
- Goleta: July 24-28 (3.5 hours in the morning and 3.5 in the afternoon, one location)

Primary Duties:



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- Support teaching artists in all the ways expressed by teaching artist.
- Facilitating students' entrance into the dance room & finding their dance spots
- Facilitate group circle games as needed.
- Ability to identify and support participant challenges, gifts, and areas of growth.
- Support teaching artist in warm up and across the floor activities.
- Be on time for briefs and debriefs.
- Support teaching artists by keeping participants safe by knowing how many participants and where they are at all times.
- Willingness to practice leading games, warmups, teaching choreography, opening, and closing processes for each class.
- Stay informed and curious about the program plan of the day.
- Actively contribute to brief and debrief sessions.
- Tend to participant needs (water, toilet, etc.).
- Willingness to follow lead in shifting program flow when needed.
- Basic knowledge of child development.
- Submit invoices in a timely manner.

Minimum Qualifications

- Minimum of one year working with children in either a camp setting or at a dance studio
- Excellent verbal communication
- Enjoys being of service to self, co-workers, and the organization.
- Dependable and reliable to show up on time and present for program schedule.
- Basic ability to use email, phone/text, and record.
- Improvisation
- Bilingual, Spanish / English is a plus.
- Are collaborative and thrive in an environment where power and responsibility are shared.

Please come and observe one of our classes to become more familiar with our work.

How To Apply

- Please send a cover letter indicating why you wish to work for Santa Barbara Dance Institute, along with a resume as a pdf to rosalina@sbdi.org

What's Next

- Interviews will be held during the week of May 15.
- Selected candidates will be invited to participate in paid learning opportunities with other lead SBDI instructors.

Equal Opportunity

To fulfill our mission SBDI is dedicated to sustaining and building an organizational culture grounded in Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. We value a diverse team and inclusive culture. SBDI encourages applications from all qualified individuals without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national origin, marital status, citizenship, disability, and veteran status.