



ARTS UMBRELLA

Theatre Instructor – HINDSIGHT Program

Location: Surrey

Part-Time (employment dependent on enrollment)

Arts Umbrella is where young artists ages 2–22 cultivate their creativity in Dance, Theatre, and Visual Arts. As a non-profit organization for arts education, we believe that art is powerful. Powerful enough to change kids' lives in incredible ways. When young people connect with the arts, they gain self-confidence, develop self-discipline, and discover creative expression—things they carry with them for life. Arts Umbrella has four locations in Vancouver and Surrey, as well as donor-funded programs at schools, community centres, neighbourhood houses, and healthcare facilities across Metro Vancouver. We reach close to 21,000 students every year, with nearly 80% participating at little to no cost.

Now celebrating its 40th year, Arts Umbrella will be moving into the South Building of the former Emily Carr University of Art + Design on Granville Island in late 2019. This exceptional opportunity will allow Arts Umbrella to further our vision for a better world where all young lives are inspired to pursue a lifelong journey towards self-expression, compassion, and humanity. It is our mission to be Canada's leader in arts education for young people; to build community and deliver profound life experiences through our commitment to innovation, excellence, and inclusivity. Arts Umbrella is an organization full of heart, where self-expression and creativity are valued and nurtured.

The opportunity

Arts Umbrella is looking for a theatre instructor to co-lead an online Community Program that is being delivered in partnership with DIVERSEcity, a Surrey-based community organization. The program, titled Hindsight, is a solo performance and interdisciplinary art project for approximately 8-10, newcomer or racialized youth aged 13 and up. Our creative prompt for this community of young artists will be to ask the question:

What would the “you” of the future say to the “you” of the present in order to support you through this particular moment in time?

The program involves weekly online classes in solo performance creation – classes cover story structure, character development, narrative, climax or turning point, etc.

Program schedule is as follows, but subject to change:

Winter Term (9 weeks)

Tuesdays – January 12 to March 9

3:30pm-4:30pm

Total weekly callout – 2hrs

The intent is for the program to continue in the Spring with a new cohort of youth.



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About you

Candidates will have an extensive performing arts background and teaching experience in Theatre Arts, preferably with post-secondary training in Performing Arts or related discipline, with specific training in story development and/or dramaturgy. Candidates have proven ability to inspire creativity in children and youth and have an understanding of Arts Umbrella's vision and mission, and can demonstrate the Standards for Instruction in their current practice.

Interested applicants should know how to build a strong narrative/character arc and have experience in script writing, dramaturgy, storytelling, or collective creation. Experience facilitating the creative process in youth is also valuable.

Our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion

Arts Umbrella values diversity and inclusion and is committed to building a team that represents a variety of backgrounds, perspectives, and skills and reflects the children and youth in our programs. We strongly encourage applications from people of all backgrounds.

How to apply

If you would like to make a difference in the lives of kids & teens in Metro Vancouver, and just love everything about Theatre, please forward your resume and cover letter in one document to shdhart@artsumbrella.com no later than **9 AM Monday, January 4, 2021** indicating **HINDSIGHT Theatre Instructor** in the subject line. We will review resumes as they arrive and schedule interviews when appropriate. Arts Umbrella thanks all applicants for their interest and advises that only those selected for an interview will be contacted. **No phone calls please.**