



## Instructor: Art + Design

Classes: Cartooning (6-8 year-olds), Graphic Novel & Comic Creation (9-12 year-olds)

**Location:** South Surrey

**Employment Type:** Part Time, Fridays 3:45 pm to 7:15 pm (additional opportunities as they arise, based on availability)

### About Arts Umbrella

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 centers, neighborhood 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.

Arts Umbrella has made the exciting move into the South Building of the former Emily Carr University of Art + Design on Granville Island in April 2021. 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

Reporting to the Artistic Director, Art & Design, Instructors are responsible for the design and implementation of programming in their specific discipline, implement positive student engagement techniques and act as ambassador of Arts Umbrella in the communities we serve. This includes:

- Preparation of sessional program overviews in collaboration with the Artistic Director of Art + Design, developing a thorough understanding of related curriculum documents, and an ability to implement positive student engagement techniques in the classroom.
- Working with Assistants to ensure students are safe and engaged at all times while participating in Arts Umbrella programs.
- Instructors are expected to work as part of a team with Assistants in implementing Arts Umbrella's unique and creative vision for the benefit of all students participating in programs. Instructors and Assistants act as ambassadors of Arts Umbrella, consistently communicating with parents at the start and end of each class.



### **About you**

Candidates will have knowledge of their artistic practice combined with previous experience working with children and youth facing oppression, including but not limited to precarious housing situations, poverty, food insecurity, unsettled home life, intergenerational trauma, racialization and underrepresentation. Candidates have proven ability to inspire creativity in children and youth, have an understanding of Arts Umbrella's vision and mission, and can demonstrate anti-oppressive standards for instruction in their current practice, educational philosophy, and classroom management style.

### **Diversity & Inclusion**

Arts Umbrella is dedicated to promoting diversity and inclusion. Our commitment is reflected in our programming, the audience we engage with, the students we serve as well as the staff we employ. Diversity and inclusion in our organization means fostering a workplace in which individual differences are recognized, appreciated and respected. We actively seek applications from Indigenous peoples, visible minorities, persons with disabilities, people of all sexual orientations and genders, and others with knowledge in diversity and inclusion to help us strengthen our commitment.

### **How to apply**

If you would like to make a difference in the lives of kids & teens, please forward your resume and cover letter in one document to [job@artsumbrella.com](mailto:job@artsumbrella.com) with **Instructor: Art + Design** 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.***

