



## **Position: Teaching Artist**

The Pence Gallery is a nonprofit art organization, founded in 1976 in Davis, CA, that serves the community by offering high-caliber art exhibits, supporting the development of local and regional artists, and providing educational programs to visitors of all ages. The Pence ArtSmart program has served thousands of children over the years, from kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, by engaging them in a staff-led tour of our current exhibit, followed by a hands-on art project with an artist. The Art in Action program is a family weekend workshop that offers children ages 5-12 the opportunity to create an art project over two hours.

**Duties:** The Teaching Artist (TA) will work with the Education Director to design and teach different art projects to K-6 students onsite at the Pence. This position will create age and developmentally appropriate activities related to current art exhibits. They will present art skills, media, and concepts to ensure that children have a rich learning experience. In the art classroom, they will manage group behavior and engage the group with clear instructions about the project. They will encourage active problem solving, experimentation, and self-expression in creating works of art. The TA will work under the guidance of the Education Director and is an at-will employee.

## **Required Skills/Qualifications:**

- Preferred: Bachelor's degree in Art and 1-3 years minimum teaching experience with children aged 5-12.
- Demonstrates the skills, knowledge, and ability to create interesting art activities for children.
- Knows contemporary art history and can discuss current work on display with children.
- Provides students with opportunities for expressing their thoughts and feelings through art.
- Prepares a list of appropriate art supplies and suppliers in advance to Pence staff.
- Knowledge of art media, processes, and how to introduce them to children.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills, and the ability to collaborate with staff/volunteers, and the public.
- Ability to manage time allotted for the workshop/class, guiding the children and adults towards completion.
- Ability to set up and clean up art supplies in our art classroom, along with volunteers/staff.
- Ability to be flexible and vary instruction based on the level of engagement or background.
- Availability on Monday and Thursday mornings, from 9 am – noon, as well as availability one Sunday afternoon per month, 12-4 PM.

**To apply:** Please send a letter of interest and a current resume to [penceartdirector@gmail.com](mailto:penceartdirector@gmail.com). **No calls please.**

**Compensation:** This position is paid at \$30/hour. ArtSmart programs at the Pence Gallery are planned from October to March on Monday and Thursday from 9 AM to noon. Art in Action is scheduled one Sunday per month from 12-4 PM and begins in September. Forty hours of sick time are included per year after working for 30 days. No additional benefits are included.

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