

TO: St. Louis-Based Arts Organizations and Professional Artists
FROM: Priscilla Block, Executive Director
RE: Request for Proposal - Teaching in the 2012 Summer Program

St. Louis ArtWorks is seeking Request for Proposal (RFP) from professional artists or arts teaching organizations interested in teaching an artistic discipline alongside another artist to a group of teen apprentices. You will be teaching an artistic discipline towards the goal of creating a commission. The 2012 summer program will run from June 11 to July 22. Teaching artists will be expected to be available Mondays - Fridays 9:30 am - 4:00 pm during this 6-week period.

We are seeking letters from individual artists or arts teaching organizations who can provide instruction in the following artistic disciplines:

- Mural painting
- Graphic arts
- Printmaking
- Sculpture

Application Process: *** Dates subject to change

- Individual artists or arts teaching organizations submit a Request for Proposal by February 24
- Selected artists and/or teaching organizations are asked to interview with ArtWorks staff by the week of March 5
- ArtWorks' program committee selects teaching teams for the summer (eight to ten total artists) by March 26
- Selected teaching artists attend mandatory workshop on curriculum design and program planning on April 28

Program Details:

The mission of the St. Louis ArtWorks is to broaden educational and career opportunities for youth in the St. Louis region through apprenticeships in the arts and through community collaborations.

St. Louis ArtWorks bridges economic, racial, and social divisions by providing youth with the keys to self-sufficiency through paid employment in the arts. Apprentices are recruited from low-income neighborhoods, schools that typically lack arts education and from communities of color, whose members are typically underrepresented in the arts and who are disproportionately represented among the under- and unemployed. Nearly 50% of St. Louis ArtWorks applicants report living in households earning less than \$20,000 a year.

Teaching artist pairs will be assigned a team of 15-18 apprentices. Teaching artists will be given a commission project that will need to be completed by their team in the 6-week timeframe. It is the teaching artist's responsibility to design and implement the curriculum for their discipline. ArtWorks will provide assistance to teaching artists in designing a program that will enhance the apprentices' self-esteem, develop cognitive skills vital to the workplace such as problem-solving, reasoning, and decision-making, and that will be in accordance with Missouri Grade Level Expectations.

RFP Questions:

1. Artist(s) name and/or organization name
2. Resume/qualifications of artist
3. Discipline of expertise (pick one)
 - Mural painting
 - Graphic arts
 - Printmaking
 - Sculpture
4. Please describe your EXPERIENCE in teaching diverse populations of youth.
Describe your academic training, professional experience, and teaching experience. If applying as a teaching artists organization, describe your organization's MISSION and HISTORY. (250 word limit)
5. Example of a curriculum you have created in the past
6. At least 5 images of artwork (personal or from a program you have taught)

Requests for Proposal are due by Friday, February 24. Please send a digital copy AND 3 hard copies to:

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If you have any questions please feel free to contact Claire Wolff at 314-289-4188. Teaching organizations and individuals will be notified by the week of March 5th regarding an interview date.