



LEAF IN SCHOOLS & STREETS (LSS) EMPOWERS YOUTH THROUGH FESTIVE ARTS!

Lake Eden Arts Festival (LEAF) is a non-profit organization established to build community and enrich lives through the Arts – locally & globally – with festivals, events, mentoring, and educational programs. LSS is a non-profit collaborative outreach program of LEAF in Black Mountain, NC. LSS matches performing artists into schools, educational centers and housing communities for hands-on workshops, residencies and interactive performances. Artists are from the local, regional & international community. The program is designed to reach children and adults of different socio-economic backgrounds in the Asheville area and WNC.

Like LEAF, LSS proves that music and the arts can bridge cultures and create life-altering, community-building experiences. In addition to our community outreach at various education centers, the LSS program also provides an opportunity for the youth involved to attend and perform at the Lake Eden Arts Festival. Performing artists collaborate with youth to perform on a national stage, with their parents in the audience. Participating youth gain self-esteem and cultural awareness while experiencing multiple interactions with performing artists, being a performer on stage and a festival adventure.

Job Description: Resident Teaching Artist, Asheville, NC

LEAF in Schools & Streets (LSS) is currently seeking applications for openings on our Resident Teaching Artist (RTA) roster for 2009-2010. RTAs design the class curriculum and teach classes in the performing arts during November 2009 – May 2010. Programs take place in learning centers in public housing communities in Asheville. The after school program, Project MARCH (Make A Right Choice), is operated by our partner agency Children First/Communities in Schools of Buncombe County. Classes are 1 hour weekly, with approximately 1 hour preparation time, incorporating time both before and after classes to coordinate with learning center staff. Age range is K-5 for approximately 20-25 youth. Additional time is required for meetings, trainings and evaluations. The program requires the RTA to develop a performance with youth program participants for LEAF in May 2010 and in the communities where LSS programs are located. RTAs have an opportunity to perform at both bi-annual festivals. Other opportunities for teaching artists are available beyond the RTA position through shorter term workshops and residencies. See our Teaching Artist application for more information.

Seeking experienced artists in the following performance genres, but are not limited to:

DRUMMING • HIP HOP DANCE • CONTEMPORARY/URBAN DANCE • STEP DANCE • CAPOEIRA • AFRO-CARIBBEAN DANCE

These are some examples of requested art forms. Other art forms, particularly in the performing arts, will be considered.

Qualifications:

- Enthusiasm for the arts and teaching young people, coinciding with LEAF & LSS missions
- Prior teaching experience necessary (NC Public School experience helpful)
- Provides lesson plan in advance
- Comfortable working in public housing communities in the Asheville area
- Confident directing youth through positive reinforcement
- Professional attire, appearance & manner required
- Able to work with a wide range of skill levels and age range of K-5
- Reliable communication extremely important for both phone and email correspondence
- Engage/coordinate with partner agency & Americorps members when appropriate/applicable
- Reliable transportation to program site/LEAF – responsible for getting instruments, supplies to/from LEAF as applicable
- Available for periodic meetings, trainings and evaluations
- Develop a performance for LEAF and in communities where LSS programs are located

LSS considers the following criteria when evaluating performance programs:

- Artistic quality is high
- Teaching artistry quality is high
- Program is organized around certain “key” ideas
- Ideas are clearly introduced (with student involvement if appropriate)
- Ideas are reviewed at the close of program and/or at other appropriate moments
- Ideas are illustrated/developed through performance moments
- Students participate in the program in ways that further the artistic and educational goals of the program
- Artists have an excellent rapport with students and display a keen enthusiasm for their material
- Class design is innovative and well structured with a strong opening and closing and a diverse, age appropriate repertoire

Application must include the following materials:

1. LSS Teaching Artist application form is complete.
2. A resume. Performance ensembles must submit resumes and biographical information for each member of the group, plus the performance history of the group.
3. Biographical information (1 paragraph to be used in LEAF promotions).
4. Two letters of reference. (regarding teaching artistry)
5. Sample lesson plan for after-school residency. (Resident Teaching Artists work in housing communities for 7 months, November-May, between 20-25 sessions).
 - Each session is approximately 60 minutes in length (most likely for 2 different age groups in 30 min. sessions)
 - Gear the outline towards K-5 age range
 - Class size for the outline is 20-25 students
6. High resolution digital photo (minimum 300 dpi).
7. CD and/or DVD, YouTube or MySpace links.
8. Optional: Artist statement and/or promotional materials.

Please email or mail the application with support materials to:

outreach@theLEAF.org

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LSS staff will contact candidates to schedule interviews based on evidence of the criteria listed below and need of the particular performance genre or residency you propose at the time of submission. **Only complete applications will be considered.** To apply, download the Teaching Artist Application at: http://www.theleaf.org/lss/artists_overview.php

PRIORITY DEADLINE: MONDAY, AUGUST 10th by 5pm

SECONDARY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd by 5pm Thank you!