

PALM BEACH **OPERA**

EDUCATION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

TEACHING ARTIST | JOB DESCRIPTION

ABOUT THE ROLE

Reporting to the Education & Community Engagement Manager, Palm Beach Opera Teaching Artists are practicing artists in the at least one of multi-faceted disciplines of opera (music, theater, dance, visual arts) who are committed to working with educators, young people, and the community. Participation in programs from leading Story Time Series in a school or library, to facilitating sessions in partnership with area organizations, teaching artists will be equipped with curriculum, professional development, and other tools needed to effectively fulfill their role in a specific program.

Teaching includes strategy planning with Palm Beach Opera staff, implementation of strategy in classroom or community environments, and direct instruction with students and learners of all ages. Other responsibilities may include: attending professional development sessions, carrying out administrative responsibilities (such as written lessons plans, assessments, and invoices), meeting with Palm Beach Opera Staff, and other duties as needed. Teaching artists are contracted for individual events, activities, or programs, therefore requiring some flexibility in schedule and actual duties performed.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Teaching artists should demonstrate expertise working as professional artists, exhibit a strong commitment to working with people of all ages in the community, and a willingness to adapt to Palm Beach Opera's philosophy and approach to arts in education. *We want you to utilize areas that play to your strengths.* Must have availability during specified contract hours; willingness to travel to Palm Beach Opera sites and partnering organizations throughout Palm Beach County; strong oral and written communication skills; engaging interpersonal skills; ability to facilitate group decision-making; capacity to handle multiple tasks simultaneously; strong attention to detail; a can-do attitude; ability to engage, guide, and open up creative processes; foster an inviting, challenging, and energizing learning environment; and ability to perform duties with excellence. Teaching experience with diverse age groups in various educational settings is a plus.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED

Explore the possibility of joining the Palm Beach Opera Education team by visiting www.pbopera.org/education to become more familiar with our various programs. Submit your resume and a brief cover letter. Your cover letter should include a statement commenting on your desire to work with Palm Beach Opera and in the field of arts education, and a reflection on ways in which your personal philosophy of teaching in the arts fits with Palm Beach Opera's programs and your understanding of the department's approach to education and engagement. Send materials to education@pbopera.org.