

Assistant Resident Artist Mentor in Music Position Description

Time: Part-time, school year, 15 hours per week, primarily during the following times: Mon-Fri, 2:30pm-6:45pm, with additional hours for special events and initiatives

Reports to: Studio Director

Compensation: \$18 - 22 / hr

Benefits: New Urban Arts provides medical, dental, and retirement benefits to full- and part-time staff

Start Date: October 5, 2023

About New Urban Arts

New Urban Arts is a nationally-recognized community arts studio for high school students and emerging artists in Providence, RI. Our mission is to serve as a welcoming community of high school students and adult mentors in Providence sharing space, skills, and resources to inspire creative expression. To fulfill our mission, New Urban Arts relies on a mixture of staff educators, referred to as Resident Artist Mentors, and volunteer educators. To get a sense of our programs in action, visit: <https://youtu.be/tePJRZyB9EI>

Position Overview

New Urban Arts seeks a musician and music educator to work with our Studio Program Team and support our Resident Artist Mentor in Music in providing music education programs for high school students. The Assistant Resident Artist Mentor in Music ("Assistant RAM") will embody our core values of belonging, agency, access, creativity, and connection by participating in the studio on a daily basis, creating meaningful relationships with youth, teaching music and music production, and supporting the healthy organization of an open studio.

We are particularly interested in a candidate with experience in beat making and production, especially Hip-Hop.

New Urban Arts is a collaborative work environment, and all staff should expect to support each other's work and participate in high level conversations about New Urban Arts' mission, values, and pedagogy, as well as trends in youth development, arts education, and the nonprofit sector in general. This also includes participating in organization-wide initiatives, trainings and projects, including but not limited to fundraising events, professional development/trainings, and community building activities.

Responsibilities:

Instruction

- Support music education programs for high school students in a multidisciplinary youth art studio, as well as at a satellite site located at nearby Central High School.
- Instruct students in beat making and digital music production.

Recording and Performance

- Record students' compositions and support them in publishing it online, while teaching students recording techniques.
- Support students in preparing for and participating in live performance events.

Mentorship

- Model authentic youth engagement, including using an inquiry-based, asset based, and supportive approach to meeting students' needs that promotes self-esteem and self-concept of youth.
- Create and maintain a safe environment for students to develop their creative practice, which includes creating a collaborative learning environment clear of bias and judgment.
- Build relationships with students and promote relationship building between students, mentors, and staff.
- Support students in developing teamwork and collaboration as they learn to play and perform music together.

Studio Maintenance and Events

- Help the Music RAM to ensure that students are properly trained to use equipment and software.
- Help to maintain a studio space that is ready for students each day to work and create, free of trash and debris.
- Contribute to the New Urban Arts community through participation in exhibitions, events and workshops. Help students prepare work (including performances) for Mid-Year Makings and End of Year Art Party.

Other Responsibilities

- Work as one member of a team of Resident Artist Mentors, participating in weekly program team meetings, and practicing open and clear communication among colleagues.
- Support other organizational initiatives as necessary.
- Participate in New Urban Arts organizational trainings, staff meetings, and event support.

Qualifications:

- Ability to work collaboratively with New Urban Arts' team (including the Operations Coordinator, Studio Director, and other RAMs) to foster an excellent, supportive learning environment.
- Demonstrated expertise, through experience and/or training, with recording equipment and recording/production software, such as: Logic, Soundtrap, Ableton Live, FL Studio, and/or ProTools.
- Demonstrated success working in culturally and socioeconomically diverse environments.
- Interest and experience in forming positive and supportive mentoring relationships with teenagers.
- Positive and direct verbal and written communication skills, including proficient and regular use of email communication.
- Flexibility, inclusiveness, responsiveness.
- Bilingual (English/Spanish) candidates are particularly desired for this role.

TO APPLY:

All applications must include an updated resume, cover letter, and a portfolio of 5-10 work samples. Your cover letter (two pages maximum), should include answers to the following questions:

- What motivates you to work with young people through creativity in general, and fashion in particular?
- Why do you want to work at New Urban Arts at this time?

Applications should be emailed to jeannie@newurbanarts.org, subject: Assistant Music RAM. No calls please. Please send your resume and cover letter as attachments; do not include them in the body of your email. PDF is the preferred file format. Work samples may be provided in the form of links to online storage sites such as Dropbox or Google Drive, or music publishing platforms such as Soundcloud, Bandcamp, or Spotify. If necessary, you may drop off your application or send it to us at:

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*New Urban Arts is an equal opportunity employer;
BIPOC candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.*