

Organization: Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles
Posted: July 2019
Location: West Hollywood, CA
Position: Teaching Artist
Field: Performing Arts, Community, LGBTQ Advocacy, Education
Website: <http://www.gmcla.org>
Employment Level: Part Time (up to 8 hours/week).

The Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles is deeply rooted in service to the Los Angeles community and has become one of the leading LGBTQ arts organizations in the world. Since 1979, GMCLA has consistently grown its service to the region, developing educational programs that change the lives of students throughout LA County while offering dozens of free performances each year. The Chorus produces three main season concerts each year and recently performed at Carnegie Hall and will perform at Walt Disney Concert Hall this summer in a special concert that celebrates our 40th anniversary and the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots.

General Description

The Teaching Artist, reporting to the AIYN Coordinator, is responsible for choir/singing instruction at various LA County Juvenile Halls and Camps as part of their partnership with the Arts for Incarcerated Youth Network. The employee will support both GMCLA and AIYN's philosophy in arts education and outreach.

Hours for this position will be up to 8 per week.

As a GMCLA Teaching Artist, responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

- Teaching/assisting choir/singing classes for youth for 12-week cycles.
- Working with students in choosing repertoire reflective of their cultural experience.
- Working with AIYN Coordinator to plan a final culmination for the students at the end of each 12-week cycle.
- Attending pedagogy and AIYN development sessions.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Four-year undergraduate degree in Music Education and/or Music Therapy or equivalent experience required; in addition, preference will be given to those with experience related to correctional settings
- Demonstrate excellent musicianship and artistry as a teacher/performer
- Experience in teaching popular music of various genres
- Ability to play piano/guitar as an accompanist
- Experience working with children from diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds; experience working in underserved communities
- Experience teaching beginning choir/voice

- The ability to work effectively with a diverse population and to serve as an advocate for participants and teaching teams while working under administrative guidelines and timelines
- Ability to establish and maintain open and clear lines of communication with faculty, team, and participants; possess excellent oral and written communication skills
- Good organizational skills and attention to details
- Ability to handle confidential and sensitive information along with the ability to work cooperatively with employers, staff and students
- Selected candidates must provide own transportation
- Successfully pass a thorough background investigation, including DMV and criminal history checks prior to appointment
- Be able to carry equipment to and from classes
- Bilingual in English and Spanish a plus, but not required
- Preferred experience in youth and LGBT advocacy.

COMPENSATION

- An hourly rate depending on experience

If you meet the requirements listed above and wish to gain experience working at a renowned and dynamic non-profit organization that promotes artistic excellence and LGBTQIA awareness, we encourage you to get in touch with us!

We are an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

TO APPLY

Send the following as attachments to education@gmcla.org

- Cover letter describing interest in the position and related experience;
- Resume that clearly indicates past experience in working or interning in an art or performing art related organization is highly desirable;
- Send cover letter and resume in PDF format as attachments to the email (do not place your cover letter in the body of the email);
- The subject of the email should read: "Teaching Artist Application: [YOUR NAME]."