

MUSIC LEAD TEACHER AND CONDUCTOR AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS AND EDUCATORS

POSITION SUMMARY:

Lead teachers will be responsible for the creation, implementation, teaching, and assessment of a 7- week course at Usdan Summer Camp for the Arts. The course will be taught on Usdan's campus in Wheatley Heights, Long Island, NY.

OPEN POSITIONS:

Flute, Oboe, Piano, Trumpet (half day), Senior Orchestra Conductor (half day), Junior Chorus Conductor, Jazz Band conductor

TRAITS AND CHARACTERISTICS:

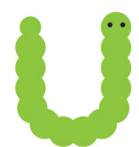
Teachers will be passionate artists and educators. They will seek rigorous exploration of ideas, have a willingness to try new things, and be open to and interested in feedback. They will work enthusiastically with children, with an understanding of their needs both individually and in the modern world. Usdan teachers will be flexible both in and out of the classroom and interested in collaboration with Usdan's faculty within and across disciplines. They will be authentic, reliable, respectful, thoughtful, and organized.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Work with Department Chair and/or Administrative staff to set goals for the class.
- Submit course plans and materials list prior to the start of camp.
- Prepare and organize the setup of the studio.
- Teach four hours per day for full day positions.
- Supervise students at daily assemblies and in passing periods.
- Attend department and staff meetings and trainings as required.
- Prepare for exhibitions and performances, when relevant.
- Lead or attend one 1-hour professional development workshop after camp hours.
- Have student safety as a top priority at all times.
- Create a joyful, fun and engaging atmosphere in the studio.
- Use inquiry, exploration, experimentation, and reflection as primary teaching tools.
- Differentiate instruction to be both challenging and developmentally appropriate for student's age and ability, which varies within and across classes.
- Teach skills that are both technical and cognitive.
- Create a curriculum that is rooted in diversity by incorporating and encouraging multiple perspectives from historic and contemporary art content.
- Create an environment where teachers are learners, there is respect and trust among all participants, and a belief in student capacities.
- Model the behaviors of artists, how they think, work, and live.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree in your art form, education, or equivalent knowledge, skills, and abilities.
- A minimum of one year of teaching experience, preferably with students of varying ages and abilities.



- An active artistic practice, with recent performances, exhibitions, or publications.
- Must be certified in Child Abuse and Neglect/Maltreatment Identification (can be obtained online at no cost).

2018 SUMMER SEASON DATES, TIMES AND LOCATION:

- Staff Orientation: Choice of June 13th or 16th.
- Family Orientation Day: Wednesday, June 20, 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM.
- Monday - Friday, June 25 - August 10, 9:15 AM – 3:15 PM, closed July 4.

SALARY AND BENEFITS:

- Salary commensurate with experience, which includes family orientation. Staff orientation is paid separately.
 - Lead Teacher \$6000-\$7000, pro-rated for half or partial days.
 - Conductor \$10,600, pro-rated for half or partial days.
- Discounts for children of faculty.
- Daily faculty swim.
- Lead or attend workshops with other faculty and staff such as yoga, archery and art.
- Transportation:
 - Free parking on campus
 - NYC based faculty also have the option of a subsidized train ride on the Long Island Railroad or tolls. Usdan will pay half of the cost up to \$350.

TO APPLY:

- Please apply through our online application: <https://www.usdan.org/employment>
- PDF files are preferred attachments. No phone calls please.
 - Please include a cover letter communicating interest in Usdan and teaching philosophy.

ORGANIZATION:

Usdan is the nation's preeminent not-for-profit day camp for the arts. Profiled in *The New York Times* and in *Time Magazine*, Usdan has been declared a "Best Of" camp by TimeOutNY/Kids, and by NY Metro Parents. Diverse and playfully rigorous from the start, for nearly fifty years we have brought world-class teachers and visiting artists – actors, directors, playwrights, painters, sculptors, musicians, composers, dancers, poets and novelists – to teach and collaborate with Usdan campers ages 4 to 18. On 140 acres of natural beauty, students find the literal and metaphoric space to push their existing talents and delve into new ones. With nearly 70 classes and 1,500 students each summer, every camper from beginning to advanced is guided on a path of individual creative growth by a team of artists and talented arts educators.

USDAN SUMMER CAMP FOR THE ARTS IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER AND WELCOMES APPLICATIONS FROM ALL.