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**Director of Artists for Kids**

The Director of Artists for Kids is responsible for providing leadership in the management, supervision, development and delivery of visual arts educational programs in SD 44 and the Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art. The Director plays a central role in supporting the continuum of Visual Arts Learning opportunities in the School District.

The Director of Artists for Kids holds responsibility for the Gordon Smith Gallery of Contemporary Art, oversees an extensive permanent collection of art, is responsible for the permanent collection and retail inventory of prints, works with Canadian Artists to develop new prints and engages in continued patron relationships with current Artist Patrons.

**Qualifications:**

- Eligibility for or membership with the BC Teacher Regulation Branch
- Master’s degree in educational field relevant to curriculum design, curatorial and/or fine arts studies
- A strong knowledge of the Canadian Art community is desirable
- Demonstrated history of successful grant writing in a timely manner
- Minimum of 10 years of relevant experience in the fields of Visual Arts education, museum education, retail sales, print production.
- Demonstrated ability to assist schools in designing and implementing visual arts programs and experience teaching K - 12
- Evidence of school and district level leadership experience

**Applications should be accompanied by evidence of successful practice of the following:**

- Experience with Ministry curriculum for the Visual Arts
- Ability to identify existing and new program areas requiring development attention and directs appropriate staff and resources
- Ability to identify opportunities to engage district teachers in developing enhanced understanding of how to integrate visual arts
- Experience managing budgets including allocating resources to projects, making acquisitions
- Collaboration with school, district and community professionals in offering specialized services
- Ability to provide effective leadership and effective problem solving while working with teams
- Experience identifying market demand and ability to align with new program offerings that are both financially and operationally viable
- Experience liaising with representatives of granting bodies, sponsors, patrons and community arts organizations in the GVRD
- Exemplary interpersonal skills as well as, oral and written communication skills
- Ability to mediate multiple competing agendas while focusing on the core mandate of the organization
Roles and responsibilities include:

- Work closely with the Manager of the Smith Foundation for Young Artists with relation to the Lease agreement and the Management Agreement between the School District and the Gordon and Marion Smith Foundation for Young Artists
- Care and maintenance of the Permanent Collection. Monitor HVAC data in Gallery and Warehouse. Ensure that cataloguing and storage are maintained in good order with inventories undertaken annually
- Plans, organizes, directs, manages and reviews print selection and production at all stages. Determines the artists to engage, budget, marketability of the print, develops marketing strategy. Works directly with the artist on the creative direction to be followed and to nurture an ongoing relationship. Prepare legal contracts for print production
- Plans, organizes, directs, manages and reviews the work of subordinate managers and staff; sets performance and development goals; conducts performance reviews; trains, coaches and mentors staff; makes decisions regarding the selection, discipline and termination of staff. Ensures training opportunities
- Coordinates and facilitates Pro-D opportunities in Visual Arts learning at the Gordon Smith Gallery and various district locations.
- Supports planning and execution of curated exhibitions for both Teaching exhibition and Summer Exhibition. Play a key role in decision making on theme and content of exhibitions for educational use
- Seeks funding opportunities by sourcing and applying for appropriate grants, networking with philanthropic organizations, ongoing communications with existing donors
- Supports the partnership with the operational contractor (Smith Foundation) and works to ensure effective communication and collaboration is maintained between the programming and operational teams

By applying, interested candidates give permission to the North Vancouver School District to contact any references or any past or present employers named in the application. Please indicate the position of interest, and email your completed application with full supporting documentation and three professional references to prichardson@sd44.ca with Attention to: Scott Stanley, Executive Director of Human Resources.

- Application deadline is Friday May 10, 2019 at 4:00pm
- While we thank all applicants for their interest, only those selected for interview will be contacted.