



Job Posting: Dance Faculty – Ballet (one position)

About GSA

Kentucky's Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) is an immersive residential summer program that empowers the Commonwealth's next generation of creative leaders. The GSA summer program convenes a community of high school rising juniors and seniors from across the state to live in residency for three weeks of intensive college-level training under the guidance of a faculty of professional teaching artists.

At its core, GSA is a youth empowerment program; we strive to affirm, inspire, and uplift our students toward embracing their identity, power, and potential as artists. The program emphasizes interdisciplinary collaboration, the impact that artist-citizens can make in their communities, and accessible college/career pathways that leverage students' creative gifts.

Students are selected through a competitive application process in one of GSA's nine core artforms: Architecture + Design, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Film + Photography, Instrumental Music, Musical Theatre, Visual Art, and Vocal Music. The program represents a partnership between Kentucky's Tourism, Arts, & Heritage Cabinet and Kentucky Performing Arts, a non-profit organization based in Louisville, KY with a statewide mission. The summer program doubled in size last year and will accept a total of over 500 students for two separate summer sessions in 2023.

About GSA's Dance Program

The GSA Dance program centers around study and exploration of composition/choreography, Western concert dance including ballet and modern, and the African diaspora field of dance.

Taught by GSA faculty and visiting dance professionals, students will receive collegiate and professional level training that is both physically and mentally demanding. Seminars on college programs and dance careers, nutrition, dance science, injury prevention and care, cross training, and dance history will also be scheduled. If schedule permits, supplemental class in other dance styles may be included. In addition to technique classes, students will learn, rehearse, and perform group choreographic work by faculty. Students who are accepted to the program may also apply for the student choreography project and if selected, have their work produced. Faculty and student choreographed work is presented in a public performance on the final day of GSA.

About this position

The Dance faculty consists of four independent contractor positions, which are supported by two teaching assistants. They guide a class of 40 young dancers.

An ideal candidate for this position will possess expertise in ballet technique, pointe work, men's class, variations, and partnering. They will possess an ability to teach all levels of their genre and teach other topics such as dance history, dance career options, injury prevention and care, dance science, nutrition, and/or other dance forms. This position calls for experience in the technical aspects of theatre, an interest in collaborating with other art forms, and choreographing or restaging ballet works. In addition, a successful candidate will possess strong organization skills, a cooperative spirit, interest in trying new things, adaptability, and experience working in high paced and intensive learning environments.

The 2023 Dance program will take place at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY. Important dates for this commitment are as follows:

March 19, 2023: Faculty Planning Kick-Off Meeting (in-person in Lexington, KY or virtual attendance via Zoom)

April/May: Faculty work together to plan curriculum; this work can take place remotely and the pace/distribution of planning tasks is mostly self-directed by faculty.

Summer Program

July 7 & 8: Faculty arrival, orientation, and studio set-up

July 9 - 29: GSA program

July 30: Faculty depart campus

This position pays a base stipend of \$4,800; housing, food, laundry facilities, and campus parking are provided at no expense to faculty. A transportation stipend is provided to faculty who live more than 60 miles round trip from Lexington, KY. During the summer program, instructional days start as early as 9:00 a.m. and end as late as 10:00 p.m. Studio sessions take place seven days a week, although there are breaks scheduled in for faculty.

Position requirements:

- Master's Degree or equivalent in experience
- Teaching experience; previous experience working with high-school aged dancers strongly preferred.
- Evidence of creative/scholarly/research activities at the local, regional, and/or national levels in the area of ballet
- Experience choreographing or re-staging works
- Knowledge of or experience with stagecraft preferred
- Ability and desire to collaborate with colleagues and proficiently function in a high-paced and intense learning environment.
- Ability and desire to mentor, teach, and lead a diverse group of students while maintaining a safe, affirming, and supportive classroom environment.
- Ability to live in residence during three weeks of summer program.
- This position will be offered contingent upon satisfactory results of a background check. The background check is only required if the position is offered; GSA covers the expense of the check.

To apply:

Please submit the following materials [via this link](#). Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their materials by end of day **Monday, February 6th**, although applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Reference List
- Links to videos of choreography and teaching

While application materials should be submitted via the above link, please direct any questions to gsainfo@kentuckyperformingarts.org or 502.566.5192.