



CALL FOR TEACHING ARTISTS

Richmond Performing Arts Alliance is currently seeking Teaching Artists for its Greater Richmond Wolf Trap program. RPAA is presently focusing on expanding the diversity of its teaching artist roster and encourages individuals of typically underrepresented communities to apply. Teaching Artists experienced in theatre, music, puppetry and dance/movement from both western and nonwestern perspectives are needed for school-based and RPAA-based residencies and programs.

Each academic year, Greater Richmond Wolf Trap's passionate Teaching Artists partner with early childhood educators to integrate the performing arts into content areas like language arts, math, and science. Working in classroom environments, childcare centers, libraries and other community settings, Greater Richmond Wolf Trap Teaching Artists provide educators with job-embedded professional development while helping to promote learning and stimulating the imaginations of young children (birth to age 8).

Greater Richmond Wolf Trap Teaching Artists are **independent contractors**. The number of services a Greater Richmond Wolf Trap Teaching Artist is offered each year cannot be guaranteed. Teaching Artists must be creative, reliable, resourceful, good communicators, organized, positive, and have a strong interest in bringing the arts to school-aged children in a culturally appropriate way. All teaching artists will be required to complete a background check.

Required qualifications

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent combination of training/education and experience required.
- Should have a minimum of two years' experience in working with children and youth in an instructional setting (i.e. classroom, community centers, summer camps, etc.).
- Passion for working with young learners (birth to 8 years old).
- Thorough knowledge of and ability to articulate the elements, forms, creative processes, and skills related to the specified art discipline(s).
- Must be available to deliver artist residencies during the school-day, an average of 2-3 days a week.
- Must have reliable transportation and ability to travel to/throughout the greater Richmond area (including City of Richmond, Petersburg, Henrico, Chesterfield, Hanover and Hopewell cities/counties).
- Must be able to attend required training sessions and meetings, and be clear and reliable in communications (whether by phone or email) with and among RPAA education staff, teachers, and fellow teaching artists.
- Must demonstrate an ability and willingness to collaborate with teacher(s) in developing appropriate and relevant arts integration strategies for learning objectives largely identified by teacher(s). Additionally, Artist will engage and include teacher in lessons, as part of the goal to provide hands-on professional development for the teacher in arts Integration.
- Consistently demonstrates cultural competence and respect for individuals of all abilities, backgrounds, and experiences
- Strong professional conduct as dependably demonstrated by preparedness, punctuality, reliability, and organization.

- Bilingual skills are a plus, but not required.

Greater Richmond Wolf Trap Teaching Artist candidates are required to complete a multi-day New Artist Training before beginning their work with Wolf Trap's partner programs. Teaching Artist candidates are required to attend the full training and will receive compensation for their attendance. **New Artist training will take place September 1-5, 2025, 8am-5pm.**

Greater Richmond Wolf Trap Teaching Artists are required to complete multiple classroom residencies and/or develop one workshop within their first year as a Teaching Artist. Specific details of individual work will be discussed after completion of a New Artist Training.

To apply, please submit the following:

- Resume/CV, listing specific teaching experience, and other work with children and youth
- Three references (Name, job title, email, and phone number for each)
- Email above documents to jobs@rpaalliance.com. Please indicate in the subject line what you would like to be considered for with the following verbiage: *Teaching Artist: GRWT*

For more information about Greater Richmond Wolf Trap, visit <https://rpaalliance.com/greater-richmond-wolf-trap>.