

GlassRoots empowers young people from all backgrounds to harness the power of glass to build the skills and confidence they need to succeed. We are a center for aspiring and professional artists to explore the medium of glass. We help curious learners stretch themselves and explore their creativity.

GlassRoots is committed to using glass arts to move forward toward a just community, one that values every individual's contribution, and that represents the cultural and economic vitality inherent in a city as vibrant as Newark. It is a major contributor to the arts throughout New Jersey.

GlassRoots just celebrated 20 years of fulfilling this mission in the heart of Downtown Newark. In 2022 we will be moving just a few blocks and expanding our footprint in a much larger space. This nearly 25,000 square foot art center will allow us to significantly grow our programs, increase our impact and develop new opportunities. We are seeking to grow our faculty as we plan for this spring and summer's programs and our opening next fall in our expanded facilities.

A list of current GlassRoots programs can be found on our website: www.glassroots.org.

POSITION SUMMARY:

GlassRoots **Teaching Artists** are professional artists and educators who teach one or more forms of glass art: mosaics, flame-working and glassblowing in various environments across Newark and northern New Jersey, including public schools and on site programming.

GlassRoots programs enable all Newark and New Jersey students to experience the magic of glass first hand alongside professional artists.

GlassRoots Teaching Artists are on-call employees. Work fluctuates based on season, sales and TA availability.

We are immediately seeking professional **Teaching Artists** to teach our Mosaics in-school residencies in Newark public middle schools and onsite at GlassRoots.

All qualified visual arts educators encouraged to apply. We will provide training, as necessary, in mosaics.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities include:

- Conduct arts lessons (typically one to two hours in length) that are developmentally appropriate, focus on the whole student and build social emotional learning as much as skills.
- Create an outline and lesson plans.
- Share outline with GlassRoots staff, classroom teachers, and school administration.
- Communicate with GlassRoots and school staff regarding all aspects of facilitating experience
- Participate in meetings and trainings at GlassRoots
- Travel to and work in all types of schools and community settings across Newark and Northern New Jersey.

Qualifications and Special Requirements:

- Professional experience in visual arts
- Experience as teaching artist or educator
- Experience working with diverse populations and ages
- Strong classroom management skills
- Strong oral and written communication skills in order to interact with students and classroom teachers
- Willingness to travel to and teach in various school settings in New Jersey
- Willingness to attend meetings and complete paperwork in addition to teaching classes
- This job has some physical requirements such as standing for long periods, lifting up to 50 lbs occasionally
- Required background check & fingerprinting clearance
- Must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19

This is a “wish list.” We understand that every candidate will not possess all of these qualifications. If you have many of these qualifications and can imagine yourself in this position, please apply.

Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

We are committed to the principles of equal opportunity and diversity and to attracting and supporting a staff and board who represent the rich diversity of the communities we serve. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, veteran status, or mental or physical disability.

Compensation

Competitive and based on experience. Teaching Artists will be paid for a minimum of two hours per program, plus a travel stipend for offsite programs.

Reports to: Manager of Programs

Application Instructions

Please send your resume saved as a PDF, with the subject line “[Your Name] – Teaching Artist” to Carol Losos, Executive Director, via email at closos@glassroots.org.

We will be hiring multiple Teaching Artists in all disciplines of glass arts. We have positions open immediately, for summer programs, and for our fall expansion. Please indicate your availability in the email. Thank you for your interest in GlassRoots!