

## VOLUNTEER

For full job descriptions or for more general information, please contact the ArtStart Program Coordinator (details below).



*Still Life by Leo (age 6)  
2008*

## DONATE

ArtStart relies heavily on the support of the community and values the donations made by individuals and families. All students are subsidized but actual costs per student can be between \$500-\$1000 per year. For more information on one-time giving opportunities, corporate sponsorship opportunities or to 'Sponsor an ArtStart Kid', please contact the ArtStart Program Coordinator (details below).

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# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



ArtStart is Edmonton's only multi-disciplinary arts program for children from low income homes. One in five children in Edmonton live in poverty, severely limiting their opportunities to be involved in the arts. ArtStart knows that involvement in the arts improves social and cognitive abilities, builds self-esteem and establishes meaningful friendships.

All art, drama, dance and music programming is led by a team of volunteer arts professionals, students and enthusiasts. Their investment into the lives of children inspires confidence, creativity and change. See inside for the many opportunities to get involved or the back for giving opportunities.



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ArtStart is part of the E4C family.

E4C is a not-for-profit, human services organization that works towards changing lives and building stronger communities by:

- Feeding hungry people
- Creating affordable housing
- Providing safety and support
- Parenting and early learning training

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## **PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS**

### **Instructors**

- Music instructors mentor one or more students in their instrument of choice through regular group or individual lessons along with suggested practice routines. Lessons are usually 30 minutes.
- Drama/Dance/Visual Art/Creative Writing instructors develop and implement multiple session art classes with the help of an assistant.
- Drama and Dance instructors commit to teaching one class for the duration of the ArtStart year.
- Visual Art instructors commit to teaching a minimum of 10 hours throughout the year and are asked to help supervise and mentor another 20 hours of class. Special visual art mentors are accepted for single project leadership as well.
- Creative Writing instructors commit to a minimum of one semester of instruction.

### **Assistants**

Program assistants work with instructors to mentor students in the arts as well as ensure the smooth functioning of the ArtStart program (ie: pre-class preparations and behavioral guidance of students). Program Assistants commit to ArtStart for a minimum of an hour a week for the duration of the ArtStart year.

### **Responsibilities include:**

- Instructors - design and preparation of classes
- Instructors - instruction of participants
- All - help students one-on-one with skills
- All - set-up and clean up of projects and project space with students
- All-provide appropriate behavioral guidance to participants
- All - work with program staff and other volunteers to ensure a safe and fun environment

### **Optional**

- help procure donations and supplies
- participate in fundraising campaigns and events
- chaperone field trips and attend special events



## **NON-PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS**

### **Office Assistant and Special Event Assistant**

These volunteers are called upon on an as needed basis to assist with tasks such beginning of the year enrollment, special event organisation, and

ArtStart student show assistance.

*Volunteers are always encouraged to approach ArtStart if they have a special skill to contribute (ie: fundraising, photography, etc).*

### **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

- All volunteers must have a passion for the arts
- Program volunteers must have the ability to work with children age 6-14
- Program volunteers must be friendly, patient and encouraging. Experience with children from low-income homes is an advantage.
- Program volunteers must have significant professional, student or volunteer experience with children and their artistic medium
- Instructors must be over the age of 17 and all other volunteers must be over the age of 14.

### **TIME COMMITMENT**

The ArtStart program runs from mid-September to mid-June each year. Specific hours vary depending on the components but classes are always on evening or weekends. All volunteers are asked to make a one year commitment. ArtStart also provides the arts programming for an inner city summer camp. Volunteers able to give a couple hours of their time during the day should contact the Program Coordinator for more information.

### **BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING WITH ARTSTART**

- Use your artistic talents and skills or learn new ones
- Free field trips to various Edmonton artistic performances
- Develop your mentoring skills
- Meet amazing kids
- Opportunities for training
- Network with a diverse group of staff and volunteers
- Add to your resume

