



Job Posting

TEACHING ARTIST JOB DESCRIPTION: Carnaval Teen/Adult Dance Assistant

POSITION DETAILS:

- Term: January 1 - June 9, 2018
- Job type: part-time/seasonal
- Compensation: Competitive, based on experience and qualifications \$20-\$30/hour *includes 3 hours per month of paid admin time

SCHEDULE:

- **Carnaval Program Orientation** Saturday January 6th 2018 10am – 3pm
- **Carnaval Family Orientation** Saturday March 24th 2018 10am – 1pm
- **Artistic Development:** 10am-12pm on Feb 2, March 2, April 6, & May 4
- **End of Year Debrief :** Friday June 8, 2018 10am-3pm (End of Year Debrief)
- **Carnaval Rehearsal:** Saturdays April 7th , 2018 – May 26 , 2018 10am – 2pm
- **Carnaval Parade:** Sunday May 27, 2018 8am-4pm (Carnaval Parade)

Loco Bloco is a youth and family organization focused on the development of children and youth through exploration of the arts. Celebrating 24 years of service in San Francisco, Loco Bloco is deeply embedded in the community life of the City and is known for using the arts-music, dance, drumming, stilt-walking and theater- to influence social/political change on behalf of under-represented peoples in neighborhoods.

Loco Bloco's mission is to promote San Francisco youth's healthy transition into adulthood by engaging them in the creation and performance of music, dance and theater rooted in Afro-Latino traditions. Loco Bloco encourages its youth to use multicultural art forms as a tool for their own empowerment and as a catalyst to help them overcome discrimination and bring about change in their communities.

Loco Bloco's annual Carnaval contingent brings together over 300 youth/families with community artists to present spectacular new Afro-Latino fusion music and dance compositions and stunning visuals at the Carnaval San Francisco parade and festival. Our Carnaval programs focuses on Mission District cultural traditions showcasing youth as artists & activists. We are regularly awarded with Carnaval SF artistic honors, beating out adult only contingents.

Loco Bloco is currently hiring a qualified and passionate dance educator to assist our Dance Lead for the 2018 Carnaval Teen/Adult Dance section. Our 2018 Carnaval Dance Assistant must have training in and experience in the performance of Afro-Cuban dance forms/traditions.

Our Carnaval Dance Assistant is responsible for assisting Teen/Adult dance section during our rehearsals and Carnaval SF stage show and grand parade. The Carnaval Dance Assistant will work under the Artistic Direction of our Dance Lead and will be responsible for mastering this year's choreography and then teaching it to our teen/adult Carnaval participants.

The Carnaval Dance Assistant works to ensure that every class is aligned to youth development practices and must prioritize youth leadership, visibility and voice. The Carnaval Dance Assistant ensures that participants are building confidence while discovering creative self-expression and building meaningful community.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist in the facilitation of Teen & Adult Carnaval Dance section during weekly rehearsals
- Master the choreography as created and directed by Loco Bloco's Dance Lead
- Work to align all Carnaval Dance components to Loco Bloco's Mission Statement & 7-Core Values
- Mentor and prepare youth to lead themselves on parade day, by fading your facilitation
- Maintain a contagiously positive and welcoming attitude, enthusiasm, and a high standard of respect and passion for all Carnaval participants to aspire to
- Exhibit appropriate behavior for an intergenerational space and accept and embrace the role as a mentor for our youth and young adults
- Supervise and ensure the safety and welfare of participants at all times. Keep students engaged and create a classroom culture of respect & participation
- Read and adhere to **Program Policies & Instructor Expectations** at all times
- Complete and submit a Loco Bloco Program Plan for each class on time
- Work collaboratively with other Loco Bloco instructors in all classes that are co-taught and in all shared program spaces
- Attend all monthly Program Development Meetings and yearly Orientations and Retreats on time
- Maintain collaborative, confident and clear communication with supervisor
- Check emails regularly and respond to communication efforts by supervisor within 24 hours
- Participate in the recruitment and retention of program participants
- Submit timesheets on time
- Make an effort to attend Loco Bloco's annual events: Theater Productions, Gala, and Carnaval

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 2 years minimum experience studying and/or performing Afro-Cuban dance
- 2 years minimum experience in arts education and youth development
- 2 years minimum experience working in afterschool programs and/or community-based agencies
- Specialize in the main elements and history of your art form and an ability to teach them to youth
- Ability to motivate, facilitate and direct youth and create a classroom culture of respect and participation
- DOJ Fingerprint Screening
- Negative Tuberculosis Test
- Must be 18 years or older
- Proven ability to work with people from a variety of different ethnic, socio-economic, educational, religious, sexual orientation and generational backgrounds. Experience working with diverse youth populations
- Ability to create lesson plans and document curriculum
- Objective and collaborative in professional relationships with highly effective interpersonal skills necessary to interact with staff, students and families
- Desire to learn and grow in teaching practice
- Excellent organizational & time management skills. Self sufficient in managing job obligations and schedule. Maintain reliable communication with supervisor
- Professionally active in the performance or production of art form
- Working knowledge of Bay Area cultural arts community
- Bi-lingual, multilingual, people of color and LGBTQQI candidates are strongly encouraged to apply

TO APPLY

Send Resume & Cover Letter to:

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