

AILEYCAMP DANCE INSTRUCTOR (#17796)

MODERN DANCE

Job Description

June 23 – July 23, 2021

Department:	Education/AileyCamp
Salary:	\$3,680 total for period of June 23, 2021 – July 23, 2021
Percent of Time:	Full-time for 4.5 weeks (23 days): June 23, 2021 – July 23, 2021
Job Classification:	4134U - Rec Program Leader 3
Supervisor's Title:	Interim Director of Education and Community Programs
Personnel Program:	Personnel Policies for Staff Members (PPSM)

Introduction

Cal Performances is seeking a [Modern Dance Instructor](#) to work for AileyCamp from June 23, 2021 to July 23, 2021.

Cal Performances presents and produces outstanding artists from the Bay Area, the United States, and around the world in performances and community programs which promote excellence, innovation, diversity, education, and community involvement, with the fundamental belief that the arts are vital to our society locally, nationally, and internationally. Berkeley/Oakland AileyCamp at Cal Performances is a program of the department of Education under the general supervision of the Director of Education. Cal Performances supports AileyCamp with an array of professional performing arts services, including but not limited to marketing, public relations, and professional technical staff.

AileyCamp is a nationally proven arts education program that uses dance as a vehicle for developing self-esteem, creative expression, and critical thinking skills among 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students (aged 11-14) who are at risk of dropping out of school. AileyCamp also provides exceptional dance training to middle school students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds. The project was inspired by the work of the late Alvin Ailey, internationally renowned dance artist, choreographer, and founder of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre.

Please visit <http://calperformances.org/community/aileycamp/> to learn more about AileyCamp and Cal Performances.

The AileyCamp (Modern) Dance Instructor will teach, model and support student learning in and through dance techniques to the AileyCampers. Specific techniques in Modern (Horton technique). The dance instructor will be working collaboratively with the Artistic Director, Managing Director, Guidance Counselor, Creative Communications instructor, Personal Development instructor, and a staff of Group Leaders to ensure a supportive professional environment.

The individual will be performing the required duties mostly remotely, but there may be in-person assignments that will require the individual to be on campus as needed. Completion of campus-required COVID-19 training and testing (as applicable) for individuals working on campus is required.

Responsibilities

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Five day work week (online) – Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., all weeks except the week of staff training which may include a Saturday or Sunday.
- Teach up to three classes per day, four days per week or as determined by the Artistic and Managing Director.
- Participate in the general oversight of the campers, including at camper free periods, including but not limited to assist with other class engagement, support Group Leaders in their oversight of individual groups of campers, provide supervision during lunch and breaks as assigned on a rotating basis, and take on projects in support of camp, production preparation, and audience engagement.
- Participate in individual and AileyCamp staff meetings, including scheduled meetings before and after camp.

- Plan lessons that will develop physical and mental stamina, agility, grace, cooperative work and an appreciation for the joys of rigorous discipline among youth.
- Provide schedule of proposed class content to Artistic and Managing Directors for final approvals and integration with the whole camp curriculum.
- Coordinate with Group Leaders to assess campers' individual needs, and support them in interventions to meet these needs.
- Produce camper progress evaluations, documentation for Camp Video, Anthology, and other materials celebrating the campers' experience.
- Choreograph a camper presentation for the final performance.

Position Controls:

The AileyCamp Dance Instructors report to the AileyCamp Managing Director, and will work with the Artistic Director to develop final showcase performances. They will work closely with the other AileyCamp Instructors, faculty and staff, contributing to an ensemble of adult mentors and providers to create a safe and holistic environment for the campers, their colleagues, and visitors. Incumbents operate with considerable independence within the parameters of the camp structure, with freedom to make daily decisions within the scope of University policies, Cal Performances mission and vision, program plans, and established needs of teaching and performance programs.

Skills, Knowledge & Abilities

Required Qualifications

- Requires prior experience as a professional dancer and dance instructor in Modern (Horton technique).
- Demonstrated experience working with urban children from lower socioeconomic backgrounds, identified as having one or more of the following at-risk factors: living with a single parent or no parent; having a sibling who dropped out of school or became a school-age parent; having difficulty with the traditional school structure as determined by teacher observation; or having low self-esteem.
- Familiarity with and/or ability to be trained in and implement youth-centered learning frameworks.
- Excellent leadership skills including an ability to command respect and motivate achievement while working effectively with young people, serving as a positive influence and model for disciplined practice, healthy personal habits, and respectful communication to campers and to your peers.
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, with the ability to relate well to diverse persons, and actively work as part of an ensemble with a shared mission to support campers and camp activities in whatever manner is needed.
- Demonstrated ability to work under pressure and manage multiple tasks with competing deadlines in a self directed, prioritized and calm manner.
- Flexibility to meet changing needs and priorities as they occur.
- Excellent organizational and time management skills, cheerful collaborator, able and willing to take initiative to accomplish or support others in accomplishing tasks related to the successful and smooth operation of the camp.
- Must be able to successfully pass background check.

For Modern (Horton) concepts stressed by Lester Horton involving competence in movement, use of communicative possibilities in dance, correctness of posture and performance of all movements; and demonstrated success contributing to an ensemble work environment requiring willingness and ability to take on tasks outside the dance classroom.

Strongly Preferred Qualifications

- Experience choreographing for youth of varying abilities.
- Experience with the frameworks of youth development and youth-centered learning environments.

Other Information:

This is a temporary position with a start date of June 23, 2021 and an end date of July 23, 2021. Pay is \$3,680 total for period of June 23, 2021 – July 23, 2021.

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To Apply:

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