



Hyde Square Task Force (HSTF) is an award-winning youth development organization based in the Hyde–Jackson Square area of Jamaica Plain/Roxbury, known as Boston’s Latin Quarter. Founded in 1991, HSTF now engages close to 600 youth ages 6–25 in college and career preparation, Afro-Latin arts and cultural enrichment, and community-building initiatives. In doing so, we ensure that youth have the arts and educational opportunities they need and deserve in order to be successful and that their voices and cultures are valued and celebrated in Boston’s Latin Quarter and beyond. Our work is guided by our mission: to amplify the power, creativity, and voices of youth, connecting them to Afro-Latin culture and heritage so they can create a diverse, vibrant Latin Quarter and build a just, equitable Boston.

Position Overview: The Dance Teaching Artist is a contracted summer position with the possibility of extending the contract into the school year. The Dance Teaching Artist is present during specific program hours and available during in person performances and events. We are currently operating fully in-person but there will need to be a level of flexibility for this position in case we need to switch to a hybrid or all virtual teaching model, due to the ever-fluctuating nature of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Dance Teaching Artist will work under the direction of HSTF’s Dance Programs Coordinator to accomplish the goals of the dance programming:

- Foster an ensemble of youth ambassadors of Afro-Latin arts in Boston’s Latin Quarter and beyond;
- Cultivate young people’s dance & performance skills
- Expose youth to various Afro-Latin dance styles, cultural history, and traditions.

REA Summer Session:

6 hours per week for 6 weeks:

Dates are JULY 5 – AUGUST 12 (Training and planning in June)

Additional hours may vary (E.g. planning, performances, etc.)

Responsibilities:

- Develop and implement an age-appropriate dance curriculum with a focus on Bomba dance style, cultural history, and traditions.
- Teach in an engaging manner that reflects Hyde Square Task Force’s values and culture.
- Support youth growth in meeting artistic program benchmarks.
- Attend scheduled meetings with the Dance Programs Coordinator.
- Attend select organization-wide events, performances, meetings, and training as needed.
- Communicate consistently (in person, phone, email) about issues or progress towards program goals.
- Submit invoices in a timely manner.

The above is not an exhaustive list of every duty and responsibility required. Other duties may be assigned.

Qualifications:

- 2 years minimum experience with teaching dance to urban youth.
- Preferred Dance or Dance Education degree or equivalent experience in the field.
- Demonstrated expertise in Afro-Latin dance preferred.
- Energetic teaching style with strong classroom-management skills in-person and virtually (or at least this is developing).
- Ability to work late mornings into early afternoons primarily. Occasional evenings only for performances.
- Bilingual English/Spanish preferred.
- Successfully pass CORI and SORI background checks.
- Demonstrated ability to work and communicate effectively and respectfully with youth and adults of all cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds.
- Must be flexible, organized, reliable, responsible, collaborative, and creative.
- Must be authorized to work legally in the United States.

Pay Rate: Hourly wage of \$40.00 - \$45.00 based on experience. No benefits. This is an independent contractor position.

Candidates should submit their resume, cover letter, and a work sample (video clip of performance or class instruction, curriculum/lesson sample, etc.) to Genesis Rodriguez, Dance Programs Coordinator at genesis@hydesquare.org. No walk-ins or phone calls.

Hyde Square Task Force is an equal opportunity provider and employer. We value having a diverse staff who are representatives of the community we serve and bring to our organization a variety of traditions, experiences, and points of view. Individuals of all backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.