



**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 500 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. This person will receive training at the beginning of the position. 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; and
- Expose youth to various Afro-Latin dance styles, cultural history, and traditions.

**Summer Session:**

8-10 hours per week for 6 weeks

Dates are JULY 3 – AUGUST 11, 2023 (Training and planning in June)

Program runs Monday-Thursday, 10am-3:45pm

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Co-develop age-appropriate dance curriculum with a focus on Afro-Latin culture in any number of the following dance styles: bomba, plena, capoeira, salsa, bachata, afro-beats, ballet, modern, african, hip hop and more.
- Teach in an engaging manner that reflects Hyde Square Task Force’s creative youth development culture.
- Work with the Dance Programs Coordinator to develop youth performances promoting Afro-Latin arts in Boston’s Latin Quarter and across Greater Boston.
- Support the Dance Programs Coordinator to meet artistic program benchmarks.
- Attend select organization-wide events, performances, meetings, and training as needed.
- Communicate consistently (in person, phone, email) about issues or progress toward program goals.
- Submit invoices on time.

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

**QUALIFICATIONS**

Experience

- 2 years minimum experience with teaching dance to youth in an urban setting
- Experience working effectively with other artists and personnel

Skills

- Demonstrated expertise in Afro-Latin dance preferred
- Bilingual English/Spanish preferred
- Ability to work independently as well as part of a team
- Energetic teaching style with strong classroom management skills.
- Able to meet deadlines and ensure completion of projects on schedule
- Extremely organized, reliable, punctual, accurate, and detail-oriented
- Outstanding communication and interpersonal skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to build and maintain relationships with a wide array of people from diverse backgrounds
- Proven ability to work with efficiency, flexibility, and good humor

### Personal attributes

- Must be passionate about HSTF's mission and impact
- Spark, imagination, and creativity
- Commitment to equity and inclusion
- Flexibility to work hours as program/organizational needs change (occasional weekends and evenings)

### Education/Training

- Preferred Dance or Dance Education degree or equivalent experience in the field.

### Other

- Successfully pass CORI and SORI background checks
- Must be authorized to work legally in the United States

**COMPENSATION:** Hourly wage of \$35-\$45 based on experience. No benefits. This is an independent contractor position.

How to apply:

Interested candidates should submit their resume, cover letter, 3 references, and a work sample (video clip of performance or class instruction) on or before June 1st, 2023 to [DanceTA@hypesquare.org](mailto:DanceTA@hypesquare.org). Please include the position, *Dance Teaching Artist*, in the subject line of the email. **No walk-ins or phone calls please.**

*Hyde Square Task Force is an equal opportunity provider and employer. We value having a diverse staff who are representative 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.*