



Job Description for Metal Sculpture Instructor at Silvermine Art Center

Position Title: Metal Sculpture Instructor

Position Type: Contract (1099)

Organization:

Incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1922, Silvermine has exemplified excellence in art and art education for 100 years. Our mission is to cultivate, promote and encourage growth through the arts and to provide arts education and appreciation opportunities for the greater community. For 100 years, Silvermine has provided art experiences that engage individuals of all ages, ethnicities, races, genders and income in creative expression and discovery through making and exhibiting art.

Our four-acre campus in New Canaan encompasses an award-winning School of Art; a nationally renowned Guild of over 300 professional artists; a complex of five galleries presenting exhibitions by emerging and established contemporary artists; a permanent collection of original prints; and an outdoor Sculpture Walk that blends art and nature.

Our educational mission extends beyond our campus. Our extensive Educational Outreach Programs provide curriculum-based arts education to 1,500 children in under-resourced Bridgeport, Norwalk and Stamford schools and nourishes the creative spirit of individuals with disabilities or mental health issues through collaborations with neighboring non-profits.

For more information, please visit www.silvermineart.org

Position:

Silvermine Art Center is seeking experienced instructors and accomplished metal sculpture artists with a desire to teach both youth and adult students' sculpture techniques including: welding, casting, forging and blacksmithing. Instructors work independently to create the content of their course or workshop offering and partner with Silvermine Art Center to provide students with valuable arts education at our renowned and established institution. The metal sculpture instructor is responsible for teaching students and directing participation in all aspects of design and fabrication. Maintaining a safe working environment is a central responsibility of the instructor's role.

Position is Independent Contractor

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

- Passion for the fine arts and enthusiasm for education
- A commitment to student success and creating a positive classroom environment
- Punctuality, preparedness and flexibility
- Ability to collaborate with administration, responding promptly and clearly to all email and/or phone communications
- Experience teaching art at university level and/or continuing education programs
- Demonstrated firsthand experience and continued personal practice in the arts

Qualifications for Metal Sculpture Instructor

- MFA degree in Sculpture
- A record of professional activity as documented in a portfolio of up to 10 images (and video clips, if applicable) that demonstrates a high level of craft, concept, and aesthetics in sculpture and 3D arts is required
- Extensive experience with metal sculpture/welding tools, equipment and processes
- Understanding of and ability to maintain safety protocol throughout the shop and grounds at all times
- Expertise in a broad range of methodologies, concepts, techniques and technology related to sculptural practice
- Demonstrated mastery of technical skills in either welding, casting blacksmithing or all of the above
- Ability to collaborate and communicate with metal sculpture studio manager and fellow teaching artists to maintain a healthy, organized and well-functioning studio space

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