



**An invitation to apply for the position Part-Time Dance Teacher for TWIGS Program
at Baltimore School for the Arts**

The TWIGS Program of the Baltimore School for the Arts, an after school and Saturday arts program for elementary and middle school students at a pre-professional public arts high school in Baltimore, MD, serving students in grades 2-8, seeks to hire an exceptional and highly qualified dance educator for a part-time teaching position. The ideal candidate should have training in ballet and modern techniques, with a demonstrated knowledge in adolescent movement and dance pedagogy. We seek a candidate who will strive to build partnerships, as well as a highly collaborative classroom working environment with the student dancers; inspiring, mentoring, and guiding them on a journey to find their own creative voice through dance and movement.

The responsibilities of this position include the instruction of 2 hours per week of introductory level modern technique classes and 4 hours per week of ballet technique to young children.

Our Ballet classes use storytelling, characters from ballet stories, and imagination to teach an introductory level of the Vaganova syllabus.

The Modern classes are primarily Horton-based with a strong focus on body awareness, flexibility, and basic motor skills while encouraging the dancers to discover freedom and develop courage. Throughout our entire program, we instill the valuable lessons that mistakes are learning opportunities, and that how to take class well, being on time and prepared, lead to success.

Qualifications:

- Ballet and Modern Dance background with an anatomical approach to classwork
- Passion for working with a diverse group of young children
- Experience teaching choreography, technique, and performance preparation
- Holistic, student-centered approach to dance education: identity development, self-expression, critical thinking, and overall health and wellness
- Ability to communicate concepts in a clear and concise manner to students and foster an innovative and creative learning environment through patience and kindness

This position is a 24-week part-time position, starting in mid-September during the 2021-22 school year. Hourly compensation is commensurate with experience. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to the attention of **Dance Department Head Laura Halm Hamilton** at dance@bsfa.org.

The Baltimore School for the Arts actively strives to be a diverse and inclusive community in its educational, admission, and employment practices. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, disability, or any other characteristic. We seek candidates who demonstrate sensitivity, knowledge, and understanding of the diverse backgrounds of community members; have an ability to work flexibly, independently, and collaboratively in a fast-paced environment with individuals from a diverse set of backgrounds; and have a capacity to serve as a model of openness, generosity, and acceptance.