

# LEIGHTON ART CENTRE

## ART & NATURE EDUCATOR

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### THE ORGANIZATION

The Leighton Art Centre has a rich history as a place for creative expression and artistic endeavour. Situated on 80 rural acres of magnificent foothills landscape just 15 km southwest of Calgary, the Leighton Art Centre features the historic home of renowned artist and architect A.C. Leighton and his wife Barbara, an accomplished artist in her own right. The Leighton Art Centre exists to keep the legacy of the Leightons alive by offering a space to explore, appreciate, and create.

**Value:** Respecting A.C. and Barbara Leighton's legacy, we value creativity, relationships, and the aesthetic experience.

**Vision:** Enriching lives and connections to each other, the Leighton Art Centre connects you to art, history, and landscape.

**Mission:** As a vibrant and open space for creativity, the Leighton art Centre provides you with the inspiration to explore, appreciate and create.

### Ends Statements:

**[Creativity]**

We grow artists.

**[Explore, Appreciate]**

We provide opportunities for visitors to explore the unexpected and gain new perspectives.

**[Sustainability]**

We act mindfully in all areas impacting the LAC's long-term viability through holistic practice, meaningful community connections, and enduring relationships

**THE POSITION:** *Art & Nature Educator*

### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

*We Grow Artists!*

Art & Nature Educators at the Leighton Art Centre are responsible for introducing young artists to a day of artistic discovery. Each work day, Educators set up their historic art studio for the medium of the day, greet students, and immediately engage them in a sketching warm-up. Students then follow the Art & Nature Educator on a nature walk to discover the natural landscape surrounding them. The Educator also acts as a tour guide in the historic Leighton Home, Gallery, and Museum. The Educator guides students through art appreciation activities using both the permanent collection and changing exhibitions. The Educators also teach a variety of media to classes as selected by the visiting school groups.

Educators also participate in the *Art-to-Go!* Program, during which classes are held in-school, in and around the Calgary and Foothills areas. Reliable transportation is a must. Educators may also lead Birthday Party groups on weekends and *weekend availability will be considered an asset.*

Our school programs run in accordance with the different Boards of Education calendars in the area, from September to June.

Studio Instruction & Field Trip Facilitation 80%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct art lessons in the classroom and in nature that promote visual literacy, thoughtful observation, and critical thinking.</li> <li>• Present programs that follow the lesson guide developed by the Leighton Art Centre education team.</li> <li>• Liaise with school teachers and volunteer parents in a professional manner.</li> <li>• Encourage understanding of our uniqueness of place and environmental education.</li> <li>• Encourage students to explore, appreciate and create on our 80-acre property.</li> <li>• Lead students in a safe, focused nature walk.</li> <li>• Take responsibility for the cleanliness of art studios and for the preparation and restocking of materials used.</li> </ul>
Team Collaboration 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with the Education Team to plan, present, and organize curriculum-based art program and activities.</li> <li>• Participate in regular staff meetings and other Leighton Art Centre fundraising and seasonal events.</li> </ul>

**QUALIFICATIONS & COMPETENCIES:**

- Experience working with children and youth in educational or art settings is highly recommended.
- A passion for art and creativity. Education or background in the arts is considered an asset.
- Willingness to work outdoors in a variety of weather conditions.
- Ability to work cooperatively with the Education Centre staff.
- Must possess good communication skills and be ready to take initiative and resolve problems.
- Due to our location, candidate must possess reliable transportation.
- Valid First Aid certification is an asset.
- Police Information Check will be required.
- Open availability, including weekends, is an asset.

This is a seasonal, part-time position January – June with the opportunity to renew the contract for September 2019 - June 2020. **Application deadline is January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

Interested applicants are invited to submit a cover letter and resume to Bailey Arnholz, Director of Education, by email: [education@leightoncentre.org](mailto:education@leightoncentre.org).

We thank all applicants for their interest, but only candidates considered for an interview will be contacted.