



## Become a “Realize Your Dream” Teaching Artist with [Kids From Wisconsin!](#)

Kids From Wisconsin is seeking professional, energetic, and dedicated Teaching Artists (TA) for its “Realize Your Dream” performing arts residencies /workshop programs, grades 3-12

What is Kids From Wisconsin? The Kids From Wisconsin was founded in 1969 to bring musical performance experiences to communities across the Midwest, showcasing the state’s most talented youth performers to over 120,000 people each summer.

What is Realize Your Dream? Realize Your Dream is a collaboration of experiential programming that uses performing arts to spark and enrich inspiration - built upon the traditions and legacy of the Kids From Wisconsin. This is a constant evolution and intersection for teachers and learners, where workshops, residencies and classroom sessions are designed for all age groups and ability levels. It is the community enrichment and education pillar of the organization, and was founded upon the traditions, legacy and core values of KFW's 56-year history.

How were the residencies and workshops developed? With the achievement of the outreach workshops that impact hundreds of participants across Wisconsin every year, the Kids From Wisconsin staff wondered how to connect to local schools year-round. During the summer of 2020, a team was assembled encompassing a wide variety of teaching experiences in the performing arts. In over 240 hours of collaborative meetings and countless innovative ideas, the team’s purpose revolved around one common goal — every child deserves to be introduced to the world of music and performing arts. With three current residency programs and more being developed for after school, our primary focus is on the disparity of music education access, as we aim to provide educational programming to underserved communities across SE Wisconsin.

For almost 3 years, our teaching artists have played a large role in Kids From Wisconsin's mission to work with communities, schools, arts organizations, and supporting foundations to develop and deliver engaging performing arts and music education. Come join our team and apply your talents and teaching methods to our residency workshops and sessions now being presented in Milwaukee area school districts and youth community centers and organizations. We are growing and we need you!

Visit: [KidsfromWi.org](http://KidsfromWi.org) & [download our brochure to learn about REALIZE YOUR DREAM programs](#)



## Qualifications for a “Realize Your Dream” Teaching Artist

- Minimal:
  - High School Diploma OR GED
  - At least 2 years of experience in the performing arts (i.e. music, theater, dance, etc.)
  - At least 1 year of experience working with children (i.e. caregiving, in classroom setting, private lessons, etc.) references will be mandatory at interview
  - Basic/Fundamental understanding of music theory, dance/movement, or acting theory.
  - Comfortable with technology (i.e. GoogleSuite, SmartBoards, Projectors, YouTube, etc).
- Preferred:
  - Ability to play piano, and read music
  - College bachelor’s degree in music/theater/dance education, or other arts related degree
  - Current college students pursuing an education degree
- Adaptability: Willing to train and implement an existing lesson plan, but also be flexible to alter due to attendance and special needs of participants or facility
- Present a positive, friendly, respectful and helpful demeanor when working with children and community/school contacts and partnerships.
- Demonstrated interpersonal skills - ability and willingness to collaborate with co-teachers
- Ability to clearly communicate verbally and in writing
- Ability to pass a background check in accordance with state and/or Federal laws.

Your talents will:

- Instruct and execute provided 1-hour lesson plans with professionalism
- Create an engaging, positive, safe, and inclusive learning environment
- Communicate and collaborate on class goals and progress of sessions and students with Community Education Director
- Support colleagues and collaborate with other volunteers in and outside the classroom to prep, organize and maintain materials
- Incorporate classroom management strategies and learning theories to encourage engagement and motivation
- Ensure surveys, assessments, and evaluations are completed and submitted in a timely fashion

Other details:

- Independent Contracted Position/FLEX part time
- Schedule
  - 4-10 hours per weeks depending on bookings and TA availability
  - Flexible opportunities during or after school hours, and weekend availability and attend trainings
- Compensation: Dependent on experience
- Travel:
  - TA’s can expect to travel to a variety of schools or community centers for teaching engagements in Milwaukee County. Travel costs are the responsibility of the TA.
  - TA’s are paid a PER session wage only during instruction time and are not compensated hourly for travel time between teaching engagements.
- Mandatory Background checks

**To Apply: Please email a resume and cover letter to [info@kidsfromwisconsin.org](mailto:info@kidsfromwisconsin.org)**

Questions? Call Kids From Wisconsin 414-266-7067 and [download our brochure](#)