

Job Announcement  
Interlochen Center for the Arts

Title	Instructor of Contemporary Dance
Location	Dance
Department Name	Dance

Description

The Interlochen Arts Academy Dance Program seeks a dedicated full time Instructor of Contemporary Dance. The program seeks a high energy, positive and enthusiastic candidate who possesses professional dance experience in a nationally and / or internationally recognized and renowned contemporary or modern dance company as the program strengthens its focus on a solid approach to contemporary dance technique, complementing the program's overall emphasis on an overall classical ballet foundation and appreciation.

The candidate must have an equal respect and appreciation for the program's emphasis on classicism and how the contemporary techniques can be fused into ballet technique. The candidate should also have teaching experience with students in pre-professional academic settings (university and / or high school) along with a comfortability and familiarity working with students coming from a variety of different dance backgrounds, levels and skill-sets. A certification or recognized extensive experience in a certain style of contemporary / modern dance (i.e. Cunningham, Graham, Horton, Limon, etc.) is preferred, with the candidate having the flexibility to use this technique as a springboard to further develop their own teaching methodologies and concepts specifically for the students at IAA.

The Instructor of Contemporary Dance may also be a choreographer with opportunities to showcase their work on the students, however the primary focus and emphasis of this position is on contemporary dance instruction and mentorship for the students; coaching for repertoire in performances from visiting choreographers and / or staggers; coaching solos for college / summer program auditions; along with advisorship toward career and higher education goals. Ideally, the instructor may have a background and / or skill set in other areas of dance or dance related idioms such as contact Improvisation, choreographic composition, Pilates, jazz, hip-hop, yoga, anatomy, dance pedagogy, etc. that can be used as methods of instruction to both dance majors and non-majors.

Interlochen is committed to building a culturally diverse faculty and strongly encourages applications from women, racial/ethnic minorities and other individuals from underrepresented groups.

### Responsibilities

- Instruct contemporary dance technique classes to IAA dance majors on a daily to near daily basis with a variety of levels based on aptitude, skill-set and age. Each class should demonstrate a progression in technique and intensity for the different classes;
- Instruct General Dance Classes for Academy students majoring in other artistic fields who wish to explore dance in a more recreational yet stimulating way;
- Serve as a coach for various new works of guest choreographers in their absence; staple pieces or repertoire staged both "in house" and from guest repetiteurs - mainly with contemporary dance but this could extend to large scale full length classical ballets as well;
- Mentor students as they search for colleges, universities and summer programs with a more contemporary dance focus along with assisting students in preparing video auditions, college dance audition contemporary solos; complete reference letters as requested;
- Serve as the overseer and advisor for the students annual choreographic workshop; managing students' music choices, choreographic approaches; helping to guide students lead amongst their peers; working with the students and Interlochen production team on lighting, etc.;
- Serve as a liaison between student and parents; handle questions or concerns from parents about students and their progress in contemporary dance classes, or rehearsals as a whole;
- Instruct other classes or coach rehearsals as needed and designated for the overall artistic needs of the program

### Knowledge and Experience

- Recognized professional experience in a major national and / or internationally renowned contemporary dance company;
- Bachelor's degree in related field required; Master's preferred; Non-degree candidates with extensive experience will also be considered
- Teaching experience at the high school and / or higher educational institution required

### Compensation

- Commensurate with experience
- Lunch

To apply, please visit: <http://careers.interlochen.org/employment-opportunities>

A Complete Application Includes:

- 1) Letter of Intent;
- 2) Curriculum Vita/Resume
- 3) Statement of Teaching Philosophy
- 4) A List of Three References
- 5) Publicity– Clippings of dance career and / or teaching career

Review of materials will commence immediately and continue until the position has been filled. Materials submitted will be held in strictest confidence, and references will not be contacted without the permission of the applicant.