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Attn: Debra Nesbitt
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Re: Educator Job Posting

Dear Ms. Nesbitt:

I wish to present myself as a candidate for the Educator position at the Vancouver Art Gallery. I believe my passion for the Arts, diverse educational background, experience as a visual artist, and excellent communication skills make me a brilliant candidate for the Educator position.

Working at the VAG as an Educator would be a dream come true. With a BFA specializing in Print Media from Emily Carr University of Art and Design; and currently completing my Bachelor of Education at UBC, I am well versed in Art History, critical thinking and art education techniques. In February, as a student teacher, I led my students through the Ian Wallace exhibit, spurring their curiosity through guiding questions. I then created a dynamic unit as a result of our visit. A few years ago I received a grant from the city of Toronto to work as the Program Director for an arts camp run out of the Spadina Museum for youth aged 5-14. As well, I have worked for three consecutive summers in the Arts Department of an overnight summer camp with youth aged 8-16.

I work as a practicing artist, and regularly display my artwork in galleries and exhibitions across Canada and internationally. My educational background includes two visual arts residencies in New York and Ireland, as well as courses at OCAD in Toronto, SVA in Manhattan, and BCA in Ireland. I have experience providing workshops both through the Spadina Museum and in Balleyvaughn, Ireland. With my positive attitude, outstanding interpersonal skills, in addition to my bright coloured wardrobe – an external facet of my cheerful personality, I am sure I will enhance gallery visitors' experiences, and contribute to successful programs at the VAG.

I have enclosed my professional resume along with this cover letter. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Respectfully yours,

Mahla Shapiro