INTERNETION OVERVIEW
Kala Art Institute’s Education and Public Programs department is currently accepting applications for our 2023 Camp Kala Counselor/Teen Assistant internship positions with our Camp Kala: Summer Youth Arts Program. These internships are in-person, assisting and supporting the teaching artists with art camp sessions for youth ages 6-17. Summer camp students are of different ages, grades, and skill levels. Each week focuses on a specific group/theme and emphasizes different art practices and techniques. The position offers a wide variety of tasks on any given day, including working directly with the teaching artists and campers, assisting the teaching staff on a variety of projects, and documenting student work. This is an unpaid internship however, you will have the opportunity to take a complimentary class at Kala. To learn more about our education program including youth, adult, and community programs, please visit Kala’s website: http://www.kala.org/education.

Duration of Internship: Minimum two-week commitment during June 5-August 4, 2022; M-F, 9 am- 3 pm or 10 am- 4 pm (depending on camp); and/or Extended Care (3-5 pm). Interns are expected to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of camp.

Important dates: Mandatory All-Staff Training/orientation: May TBD; Classroom set-up and prep: May-July, before each camp; Holidays: Monday, June 19, July 4; Clean-up & Inventory: May/Aug.

2023 Camp Kala Calendar
Week 1: June 5-9 / Paint & Draw Your World! / Ages: 6-11
Week 2: June 12-16 / Sculptural Play / Ages: 6-11
Week 3: June 20-23 / Adventures in Comics! / Ages: 6-11 (4 days)
Week 3: June 20-23 / Digital Photography: Making with Light / Ages: 11-17 (4 days)
Week 4: June 26-30 / Drawing from Life: Expression Through Seeing / Ages: 11-17
Camp Break: July 3-7 NO CAMPS
Week 5: July 10-14 / Acrylic Painting: Fantasy in the Frame / Ages: 11-17
Week 6: July 17-21 / Teen Comics Lab: Panels and Perspectives / Ages: 11-17
Week 7: July 24-28 / Fabric Fun and Colorful Creations! / Ages: 6-11
Week 7: July 24-28 / Silkscreen: A Painterly Approach / Ages: 11-17
Week 8: July 31- Aug 4 / Imaginative Puppets for Storytellers / Ages: 6-11

ABOUT KALA
Kala Art Institute’s mission is to help artists sustain their creative efforts over time through its Artist-in-Residence (AIR) and Fellowship Programs and to increase appreciation of this work through exhibitions, public programming, and educational efforts. Kala is committed to offering unique, and
engaging art experiences to the general public, families, and youth through our classes, workshops, exhibitions, and events on-site (community classroom/gallery), print studio, and in the local community. Our public programs are developed in collaboration with our gallery, studio, and education programs to offer artists talks, gallery tours and field trips, community and family events, adult classes, and other programs that engage the community in many ways. Our youth and family programs have grown since 1991. Kala’s Artists-in-Schools program provides multiple-week artist-led instruction to students in East Bay public schools and summer programs. Over the past few years, the After School Studio and Teen Studio Programs have provided opportunities for young people to explore new media and dive deeper into the creative process. Kala offers adult classes in a range of media and techniques, from printmaking to fine arts. These are ongoing and take place in our Print Studio and Community Classrooms

KEY GOALS
Kala’s Education & Public Programs offer interns and volunteers the opportunity to:

● Explore a variety of artistic materials, and techniques, and develop vocabulary.
● Experience step-by-step artistic processes and program development requiring problem-solving and persistence.
● Engage with the public, including artists, families, and youth with community workshops, events, and projects that make an impact.
● Research, interpret, and discuss examples of art from various historical genres and social justice movements; develop resources to include in our gallery tours or online platforms.
● Interact with professional artists from various disciplines (fine art, print media, digital media).
● Participate in ongoing dialogue with artists on relevant and thought-provoking topics through artist talks, studio visits, community events, video screenings, etc.
● Strengthen local communities through shared events and artwork by Bay Area artists, youth, and community.
● Access to resources at Kala (artists, equipment, space, workshops)
● Propose, develop, and complete creative projects related to their interests.
● Develop communication/skills/platforms to promote current and upcoming events/programs

RESPONSIBILITIES
Supporting Teaching Artists and Staff, including but not limited to:

● Assist Kala Teaching Artists in Camp Kala classes
● Support curriculum development and implementation as directed by the Lead Teaching Artists and Assistant (technical/program support, interacting with students, and planning).
● Prepare materials and supplies for students (prep)
● Provide support for daily set-up and clean-up
● Supervise students in the classroom, field trips, and lunch; lead fun interactive activities!
● Lead mini-projects/activities in collaboration with Teaching Artist/Assistant, if desired
● Document (photos/video) campers in action and document artwork
● Inventory current supplies/materials, track program art supplies/equipment
● Update social media sites and help with email communications as needed

REQUIREMENTS
Interns should have many or all of the following:

● Minimum two-week commitment between June 5-Aug 3, 2023. See “Duration of Internship.”
● An interest in Visual Art, Design, Art History, or Education
● A willingness to try new things, work collaboratively and find creative solutions
● Desire to work with elementary-aged children, teens, and classroom teachers; or adults and families.
● Sincere interest in and/or experience in working with diverse communities
● Sincere interest in and/or experience teaching and working with a non-profit art organization
● Commitment to consistent availability. See the detailed schedule listed above.
● Experience updating blogs and websites; basic knowledge using social media platforms
● Basic computer skills. Knowledge of Photoshop, video editing, WordPress, and Filemaker helpful
● A sense of humor is a plus
● All interns and volunteers must provide proof of Covid-19 vaccination, TB test, and background check.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must submit 1) a cover letter detailing why they want this internship and what they are hoping to learn/accomplish, and proposed internship dates/times, and 2) a current resume including education and experience working with youth/children/community/families.

Please email all materials with “Camp Kala Summer Internship” in the subject line to youtharts@kala.org. Interviews are by appointment only with selected candidates. Preference will be given to applicants who receive school credit and/or are eligible for paid internships from their schools. Positions open until filled.