

FOLK ARTS EDUCATION: AN UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY at the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School

The position of Folk Arts Education Specialist will be opening up at the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School (FACTS). FACTS is engaged in a process of cultivating relationships with individuals interested in this position so that we can develop a planned succession strategy with potential candidates.

Do you want to use your folklorist skills to work with an impassioned group of educators and transform public education?

ABOUT THE SCHOOL: [The Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School](#) is a K-8 charter school (named a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School) located in Philadelphia's Chinatown. FACTS was founded on the idea that the students, staff and families of our school are cultural treasures,



that they are sources of knowledge and wisdom. Too often students, especially students living in poverty, immigrant/refugee students, students of color are asked to check their home cultures, their community knowledge and community ways of knowing at the door of the schoolhouse. FACTS seeks to reduce the home/school divide by valuing students' home cultures as part of our regular teaching practice.

The essence of our folk arts education program taps into these funds of knowledge by welcoming community and home knowledge into the school; folk and traditional knowledge catalyze new learning and critical inquiry. Allowing children and families to secure a physically and psychologically safe space for the acquisition of linguistic and social skills enables them to have both a base, and the confidence, necessary to exercise their responsibilities as members of a democratic civil society. Folk arts, already vernacular means for creating such safe spaces and times, are important resources in this effort.

Do you want the chance to work for social justice and help build the field of folk arts and folk arts education?

ABOUT THE POSITION: Primary responsibilities include:

- Coordinating folk arts residencies
- Training teachers in folk arts education
- Playing a lead role in Ritual Calendar Events
- Developing, implementing and improving systems of evaluation/ assessment/research
- Grant writing, tracking and reporting



Job Description link

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