

Boston Symphony Orchestra

Days in the Arts (DARTS)

Visual Arts Instructor – Summer Faculty Position (FY26)

For more than fifty years, the Boston Symphony Orchestra's Days in the Arts (DARTS) program has opened the world of artistic expression to middle school students across Berkshire County. Rooted in the belief that the arts cultivate imagination, confidence, and belonging, DARTS offers students a weeklong immersion in music, dance, theater, visual art, and creative writing, guided by professional teaching artists.

POSITION SUMMARY

The Boston Symphony Orchestra seeks a collaborative and inspiring Visual Arts Instructor with expertise in teaching visual arts and graphic design. The instructor will design and lead creative learning experiences that nurture curiosity, creativity, and artistic growth in students grades 6–8 while contributing to a vibrant interdisciplinary faculty community.

PROGRAM DATES

Session 1: July 20–24

Session 2: July 27–31

Program hours: 8:30 AM–3:30 PM including Wednesday field trips

Orientation on Zoom : June 11 (virtual)

Professional Development: July 17 (Tanglewood)

COMPENSATION

Approximately \$54/hour (final FY26 rate comparable)

Includes 10 hours of preparation time plus all program hours and training

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Design lesson plans from the provided DARTS arts-based curriculum
- Teach classes for groups of up to 15 students in your arts discipline/major
- Lead workshops, opening, and closing sessions for up to 40 students
- Collaborate with faculty across artistic disciplines
- Support visiting artist workshops and performances
- Participate in planning meetings and program reflection sessions

IDEAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience teaching middle school students
- Strong collaborative mindset
- Commitment to inclusive arts education
- Passion for creativity, mentorship, and community engagement

APPLY: Send cover letter and résumé to education@bso.org with "DARTS VA Teacher Application" in the subject line.

