

Teaching Artist Career Vision

A career vision will help you understand yourself and the kind of life you want to lead. Once you have a clear idea of what you want and where you want to go, you can use this vision to help you determine what steps you'll need to take to realize your dreams.

Write down your answers to the following questions:

1. Close your eyes and imagine your life in 5, 10, 20 years from now. Describe how you envision your life both professionally and personally. What images do you see?

Are you in a big city, small town, on an island? Do you have a family, a dog, or are you still trying to keep your cactus alive? Are you on a plan? In a movie studio, a classroom, a community center, orchestra pit, front and center on stage or backstage, composing, writing contracts, in high powered meetings determining the future of the orchestra field?

5 years from now:

10 years from now:

20 years from now:

2. Describe your life now. What are you doing that makes you the most happy? What things would you like to change?

3. Comparing your future you image for yourself and your current environment/situation, are there any themes that you can identify? Are there any conflicts or dynamic tension that you can identify?

4. List your talents or things that you get very energized from.

5. List five or more jobs that sound very interesting or exciting to you. What about each of these jobs appeals to you?

6. List the values or conditions that MUST exist in your work.

7. Write a short statement that sums up the vision you have for yourself and your career goals. (max 4 sentences).

8. What knowledge, skills and experiences do you think you need to achieve your vision above?

9. What questions does this bring up for you?

Additional Resources

- Artist Trust: <https://www.artisttrust.org/>
- Arts Ed WA: <http://artsedwashington.org/>
- Arts WA: <http://www.arts.wa.gov/>
- Association of Teaching Artists: <http://www.teachingartists.com/>
- Creative Advantage: <http://www.creativeadvantageseattle.org/>
- Fractured Atlas: <https://www.fracturedatlas.org/>
- National Arts Strategies: <http://www.artstrategies.org/>
- National Guild for Community Arts Education: <http://www.nationalguild.org/Home.aspx>
- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI): <http://www.k12.wa.us/>
- Seattle Office of Arts & Culture: <http://www.seattle.gov/arts/>
- Seattle Teaching Artist Network (STAN on Facebook)
- State Educator Associations by Discipline
 - WA Music Educators Association: <http://www.wmea.org/>
 - Dance Educators Association of WA: <http://www.deawa.org/>
 - WA Art Education Association: <http://waea.net/>
 - American Alliance for Theatre & Education: <http://www.aate.com/page/watios>
- Teaching Artist Guild: <http://teachingartistsguild.org/>