

Title: Creative Director
Salary range: \$35,000 plus opportunities for additional compensation
Location: Portland, Oregon

Background:

Milepost 5 is a live/work community created 4 years ago with the idea of bringing together artists of all types in an affordable environment that promotes their capacity and serves as a community-wide destination for artists and art lovers. After 4 years, we have 3 art galleries, indoor and outdoor meeting/performance spaces, a restaurant with a commercial kitchen, 2 community gardens, a shop space, 173 fully occupied live/work spaces, many programs that have been initiated, and we look forward to the next stage of development. To us, that means increasing the use of our existing facilities and opportunities, as well as expanding connections to the neighborhood, throughout Portland, and the worldwide artistic community.

The Position:

This position may be filled by a fulltime person, but just as we are an inventive, artistic community, we are also willing to consider creative ideas for how our goals could be met by a team or even by another organization. Above all, we're looking for proven entrepreneurial spirit, experienced program development skills, and a visionary force to inspire and bring to life the exciting potential of Milepost 5. Our goal is to assist residents by creating an environment that connects community to art – increasing economic opportunities for artists and striving to provide more connections to community. We anticipate the new creative leadership will successfully accomplish the following:

- Create programming and promote the performance spaces, restaurant, galleries and gardens into a year-round, day and night beehive of creative activities, showcasing residential talent and attracting outsiders as well.
- Transform Milepost 5 into a community-wide magnet for people interested in all arts for purchase, participation or reflection.
- Develop programming and assistance for residents as needed to develop their creative skills and their ability to market and support themselves through their art.

- Link MP5 to dance, theatre and music companies, filmmakers, art schools, public schools, community centers and strengthening the artistic vision of Portland.
- Knit MP5 into a seamless, engaged and valued member of the Montavilla neighborhood and the City of Portland, building and maintaining strong relationships with local, city and regional leaders.

Our expectation is that successful creative leadership of Milepost 5 would seek grant funding, create a vibrant social media network, coordinate and inspire the available volunteer service hours from residents, establish and build the Milepost 5 brand to add value for residents and the community, foster ongoing entrepreneurial initiatives, and have the disciplined organizational, management and business skills to make best use of all these opportunities.

To learn more about Milepost 5: please go to milepost5.net

To Apply:

Please submit by email:

- A maximum two page letter outlining how your previous experience prepares you to approach some of the challenges and opportunities listed in the description (and a sample of what some of your creative ideas might be), and why you think MP5 would thrive under your leadership.
- A complete chronological resume.
- Names and contact information for four references.
- How you heard about this position.

to: ***CreativeDirector@milepost5.net***

by: Monday, January 16th at 5:00 pm PST.

Please title the email: ***Creative Director Search***. No phone calls.