

Minneapolis Institute of Art



# Mia

## Join us on an Art Adventure

### Enjoy expanding young minds?

Interested in art? Looking for an opportunity that might just change your life? Become a Picture Person—and join us on an Art Adventure!

### The opportunity

Art Adventure sparks conversation in K-6 classrooms around artwork at the Minneapolis Institute of Art (Mia). Following training at Mia, each Picture Person leads students in fun, engaging discussions using pictures, questions, and props provided by Mia.

### Did you know Mia is the state's largest arts educator?

Thanks to Art Adventure, K-6 students in Minnesota and western Wisconsin develop their powers of observation and confidence expressing ideas raised by art. As a Picture Person, you support Mia's efforts to bring critical thinking skills to the region's schoolkids.

- **Over 70,000 students** participate in Art Adventure presentations each year.
- **Nearly 2,000 volunteers** attend Picture Person training each year.
- **Approximately 200 schools** are involved in Art Adventure.

*"I am not an art major or an art student; I'm just a normal person who likes art. That's another great thing about Art Adventure—anyone can do it. Mia gives you the tools and the confidence [to] engage the kids in conversations."*

—Heidi, Picture Person

*"The [Art Adventure] program is effective at giving students valuable opportunities to acquire, practice, and master a range of critical thinking skills."*

— Audience Focus Inc. research group







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***“It is a wonderful way to extend knowledge of the world. The content opens a window on a wide range of history, world locations, cultures, and human activities.”***

**—David, Picture Person**

# Become a Picture Person

### Does this sound like you?

You like being around and talking to children. You're happy to hear their ideas and are curious to know more about them. You think you might like art—or you know you love art! You might be a parent, a grandparent, or a community member with an enthusiasm for kids and the arts.

### You're good at and enjoy

- Recognizing the value in others' unique perspectives
- Learning about people and places new to you
- Collaborating with other adults
- Listening to students
- Sharing information

### Things you don't have to be good at (but might worry are important)

You do not need to:

- Have classroom experience.
- Know about art, art history, or museums.
- Teach students about art historical periods and terminology.
- Know how to make art.

### In this role, you will

- Attend a 2-hour training at Mia, where you're given resources for success.
- Introduce classroom students to a variety of preselected artworks from various cultures, places, and eras.
- Facilitate discussions using open-ended questions and reaffirm what you hear students say.
- Ask follow-up questions to enliven the conversation.
- Communicate with your school's coordinator.

### Specific requirements

- Comfortable talking to and being in front of students
- Calm in sometimes chaotic or busy situations
- Open to answers and opinions different from yours
- Efficient at e-mail and internet
- Other:

### To become a Picture Person

Interested? Curious? Have questions? Please contact:

at:

Also, Mia's here to help! We provide training and resources to Picture People. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us: [artadventure@artsmia.org](mailto:artadventure@artsmia.org)

### Deadline

Please contact:

before:

### Notes from your school's coordinator