

Development Assistant

ABOUT US

The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts is a dynamic cultural hub and community resource where local, national and international artists share their artistry through robust and distinctive presentations and education programs curated with both creativity and social impact in mind. The campus is a breathtaking 70,000-square-foot facility celebrating the classic and the modern and has garnered six architectural awards. The restored building features the original 1933 Beverly Hills Post Office (on the National Register of Historic Places), which serves as the theater's dramatic yet welcoming lobby, and includes the contemporary 500-seat, state-of-the-art Bram Goldsmith Theater; the 150-seat Lovelace Studio Theater and an inviting open-air plaza for family, community and other performances.

Although The Wallis will not re-open its two indoor theaters prior to September 2021 due to the current state of the Covid-19 pandemic, The Wallis team will be active and imaginative while our theaters remain closed. We will continue to provide a robust mix of compelling virtual programs, both artistic and educational, as well as opportunities for meaningful patron engagement.

Additionally, The Wallis is bolstering its co-produced and presented artistic digital offerings, which have been received by our audiences with great enthusiasm. Among numerous highlights, we are presenting a digital engagement of *Wiesenthal*, Tom Dugan's critically acclaimed one-man show that was a sold-out hit in our 2015/16 Season, and a four-part digital series featuring esteemed violinist Vijay Gupta, a MacArthur Fellow, pianist Suzana Bartal and cellist Peter Myers performing acclaimed composer Reena Esmail's Piano Trio; and major digital presentations by Wallis favorite Hershey Felder.

GRoW @ The Wallis, The Wallis education department, continues to thrive with its new virtual classrooms and wide array of programs for people of all ages, remaining an especially important source of arts education and human connection during this time of isolation. The fall sessions of its popular *Staged Stories* and *Beyond Words* programs sold out with a long waiting list in less than a day.

ABOUT THE JOB

The Wallis is seeking a dedicated, detail-oriented administrative professional to join our team as **Development Assistant** to support the Development team and their administrative functions. Reporting to the Sr. Director of Development, this is a critical role to the success of our team, tracking incoming fundraising gifts and supporting the department with essential administrative tasks for department-wide fundraising and development efforts. If you have excellent administrative and organizational skills, meticulous attention to detail and are passionate about the arts and the educational programs presented by The Wallis, we look forward to hearing from you.

WHAT YOU'LL DO

- Accurate tracking of all incoming gifts;
- Data entry. Generating acknowledgments letters within 1 week of receipt of donation.
- Draft donor correspondence and communication;
- Generating various reports as needed;
- Donor and prospect research;
- Coordinating the production of Development collateral;
- Maintaining a comprehensive Development calendar;
- Fielding phone calls and maintaining the Development webpage;
- General administrative support for the department including filing, copying, and mailing;
- Coordinate & attend donor benefit events, opening night celebrations, and other development related events;
- Interface with donors as needed to answer questions, assist with ticketing or other customer service needs, help to solve problems, etc.;

- Represent Development Office at weekly Operations meeting;
- Represent The Wallis and Development Team in the David Bohnett Foundation Founders Room as needed (may require occasional pre-scheduled evenings and/or weekend work);
- The Wallis is a dynamic working environment in which duties and responsibilities may change. Employees are expected to be flexible and responsive to changes in the scope of their duties, as assigned.

SKILLS & EXPERIENCE NEEDED

- 2-3 years of experience in an office environment in an administrative support role. Prior experience in the arts and/or fundraising environment is preferred;
- Highly organized with great attention to detail and accuracy;
- Strong interpersonal skills, commitment to superior;
- Customer service experience, and excellent verbal and written communication skills are required;
- Must be able to maintain a high level of confidentiality;
- Proficiency with MS Office Suite (Excel in particular) is required;
- Experience with Tessitura and/or Raiser's Edge is a plus;
- A Bachelor's degree in the arts, humanities, communications, or similar field is preferred.

BENEFITS

This is a full-time position with 100% paid medical benefits, including dental, vision and life insurance (\$25,000) for the employee, paid vacation, personal and sick days, 401k and paid parking. Complimentary tickets are occasionally available for performances and events at The Wallis.

HOW TO APPLY

Please email your resume to jobs@thewallis.org and include ***Development Assistant*** in the subject line.

No phone calls please.

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