

The Bayard H. Friedman Chair for Teaching Excellence in Performing Arts

January 2009

Dear Performing Arts Teacher:

“The ‘real world’ will be shaped and guided by us and by our children. And who we are—and what our children will become—is directed by the education we receive. Without a strong education in the arts, all of us—our entire society—shall be poorer and weaker. Now is the time to make sure that our dreams—and our children’s dreams—can become a reality.”

Marvin Hamlisch, Composer and Performer

In 1999 Performing Arts Fort Worth established the Bayard H. Friedman Chair for Teaching Excellence in Performing Arts, which annually recognizes and rewards an exemplary Fort Worth Independent School District teacher. The Chair carries the title for one year and receives a \$5,000 honorarium.

The ability to ignite a lifelong appreciation of music, theater or dance requires a teacher of uncommon talent and uncompromising standards. As a FWISD teacher of the performing arts, your effect on both the children you teach today and the artists, teachers and audiences of tomorrow cannot be overstated.

Please review the enclosed eligibility requirements and follow the guidelines carefully for submitting your application for the 2009-2010 Bayard H. Friedman Chair for Teaching Excellence in Performing Arts.

We thank you for your interest in this program and for your continuing commitment to education and the arts.

Edward P. Bass
Chairman

Performing Arts Fort Worth

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Important Dates-2009

January	Applications available
March 24	Application Deadline
April 13-April 24	Classroom observations by committee members*
May	Finalists interviewed
May	Bayard H. Friedman Chair notified
November	Bayard H. Friedman Chair recognized

(*Dates are tentative and subject to change)

Eligibility Requirements

- Candidates must be full-time, certified, K-12 FWISD teachers in good standing who teach instrumental or choral music, general music, strings, theater arts or dance. (Good standing means that no disciplinary action pending or completed, has been taken against the teacher during the year including and prior to application. Disciplinary action includes, but is not limited to, suspension without pay or other restrictive measures based on a violation of policy or law. Determination of good standing is at the sole discretion of the FWISD.)
- Teachers may be eligible for a Chair in another discipline, **but may apply for only one each year.**
- Candidates must teach in the FWISD during the entire school year served as the Bayard H. Friedman Chair.
- If selected for a classroom observation, candidates will demonstrate effective teaching techniques to the visiting selection committee members.
- Teachers who have been named as any Chair for Teaching Excellence are not eligible.

Check List for Completion

- **Biographical Information** completed and application checked for compliance.
- **Candidate's Narrative** completed.
- **Two Required Letters of Recommendation enclosed**, each in a sealed envelope with the writer's signature across the seal. No more than two recommendations may accompany the application.
- **The completed packet** to be delivered by 5:30 p.m. or postmarked no later than midnight, **Tuesday, March 24, 2009.**
- A **copy** of current Teacher's Certificate. (Go to www.sbec.state.tx.us to acquire a copy of your teaching certificate.)

Please submit to:

**The Bayard H. Friedman Chair for
Teaching Excellence in Performing Arts
c/o Nancy Ricker, Executive Director
Fort Worth Independent School District
100 N. University Dr., Suite 259NW
Fort Worth, Texas 76107-1360**

This application must be delivered by 5:30 p.m. or postmarked no later than midnight on **Tuesday, March 24, 2009**, if mailed. Please be certain the application is neatly typed, and retain a copy for your records.

Biographical Information

Instructions: All information must be **typed** and limited to the space provided.

1. Name □ Mr. □ Mrs. □ Ms. □ Dr.:

2. First name you prefer to be called:

3. Home Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Home Telephone:

School Telephone:

School E-mail:

4. Social Security Number:

5. Your school(s): Fall 2008:

Spring 2009:

6. Total years of teaching experience:

Years teaching in the FWISD:

7. Please provide the following information about your education:

Universities or colleges attended	Dates attended	Field of study	Degree/credential earned

Certification: I certify that I am a certified teacher in good standing with the FWISD. (Good standing means that no disciplinary action, pending or completed, has been taken against the teacher during the year including and prior to application. Disciplinary action includes, but is not limited to, suspension without pay or other restrictive measures based on a violation of policy or law. Determination of good standing is at the sole discretion of the FWISD.) I further certify that all the statements in the application materials are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge, and are made in good faith, and that I have voluntarily applied for the competition and will abide by all rules and procedures of the selection process. I understand that the Selection Committee reserves the right to name or not name a Chair or finalist and I agree to abide by the decisions of the committee. If I am named the Bayard H. Friedman Chair for Teaching Excellence in Performing Arts, I give permission to the Fort Worth Independent School District and Performing Arts Fort Worth to release all materials submitted by me, except confidential recommendations, which I agree and understand will not be available to me or an agent representing me. I understand and agree that the decisions of the Selection Committee are final and that if I fail to comply with all instructions, my application will be disqualified.

Signature of Candidate: _____ **Date:** _____

8. Describe any continuing education or professional development activities you have pursued in the last three years.

9. Describe any special achievement or participation in extra curricular activities by students under your leadership that have made you proud: (Such as UIL competition, local, state and national competitions or performances)

Candidate's Narrative

Name:

Instructions: Answers must be typed and limited to the space provided.

1. What is the value of performing arts education for students who may not pursue a career in the performing arts? Speak specifically to your area of specialization.

Candidate's Narrative

Name:

2. Of what professional achievement are you proudest?

Candidate's Narrative

Name:

3. From what professional disappointment have you learned the most?

Letter of Recommendation Principal

Candidate's Name:

The teacher named above is being considered for the Bayard H. Friedman Chair for Teaching Excellence in Performing Arts. Your recommendation is an integral part of the selection process and the Selection Committee relies on you to be as frank as possible regarding the candidate's abilities and professional conduct.

Your recommendation letter along with this form will become part of the candidate's confidential file, intended only for use in this selection process. The principal's recommendation should be submitted with the completed application, which must be delivered by 5 p.m. or postmarked on or before midnight **March 24, 2009**. It will not be returned to the teacher after the selection process.

Instructions: Type your letter and attach it to this form. A good quality photocopy of this form will be accepted. If the candidate's current principal is not an appropriate reference because of transfer or retirement, another administrator with appropriate authority who knows the candidate's work may write the recommendation. However, the current principal must co-sign the recommendation form. Please answer the following questions:

- 1) Does the candidate demonstrate excellence when participating as a member of the team of educators on your campus? Yes_____ No _____
- 2) Does the candidate demonstrate excellence in his/her classroom? Yes_____ No _____
- 3) Does the candidate demonstrate excellence in extracurricular activities? Yes_____ No _____
- 4) Do the candidate's students demonstrate the discipline required for excellence in the performing arts? Yes_____ No _____
- 5) Do the candidate's students demonstrate excellence in performing arts? Yes_____ No _____
- 6) Does the excellence of the candidate's work reflect honorably upon your school and the school district? Yes_____ No _____
- 7) Do you recommend this candidate for the Bayard H. Friedman Chair for Teaching Excellence in the Performing Arts? Yes_____ No _____
- 8) Please share your thoughts about the candidate and your support for his/her application, and attach your typed letter to this form.

Please return this form and letter to the teacher in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal.

Principal or Administrator's Name:

School:

Home Address:

Home Phone:

School Phone:

Length of time you have known the candidate:

Principal's Signature _____Date_____

Principal's Signature Required

Letter of Recommendation Teaching Colleague

Candidate's Name:

The teacher named above is being considered for the Bayard H. Friedman Chair for Teaching Excellence in Performing Arts. Your recommendation is an integral part of the selection process and the Selection Committee relies on you to be as frank as possible regarding the teacher's abilities and professional conduct.

Your letter will become part of the teacher's confidential file, intended only for use in this selection process. This letter must be submitted by the teacher as part of the completed application, which must be delivered by 5 p.m. or postmarked on or before midnight March 24, 2009. It will not be returned to the teacher after the selection process.

The Selection Committee will review carefully your letter of recommendation, which will be judged according to the following criteria:

- 1) the extent to which your letter describes the teacher's command of the subject of performing arts;
- 2) the extent to which your letter describes how the teacher is held in esteem by fellow faculty members;
- 3) the extent to which your letter describes how the teacher is held in esteem by students and parents.

Instructions: Type your letter and attach it to this form. A good quality photocopy of this form will be accepted. Please return this form and typed letter to the teacher in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal.

Your Name:

Teaching Assignment:

Home Address:

Home Phone:

School Phone:

Length of time you have known the candidate:

Your Signature _____ Date _____