



GREAT Theatre Job Description

Position Title: Teaching Artist

Status: non-exempt / weekly stipend / part-time

Temporary position: Oct 2022-May 2023

Pay Rate: \$15/hr

Reports to: Education Director

About GREAT Theatre

Great River Educational Arts Theatre (GREAT), is a non-profit community theatre that enriches lives by bringing people together to build lasting connections through theatrical storytelling that challenges, educates, entertains, and inspires. Through dynamic on-stage programming that consists of producing 8-10 full-scale shows featuring local talent, multiple production collaborations, and innovative off-stage educational outreach throughout Central Minnesota, we invite people to be part of the story to build a more vibrant community, celebrate differences, and create a sense of belonging for everyone. By reaching more than 60,000 people each year, GREAT brings our community together through the transformative power of the arts.

GREAT is committed to attracting and retaining employees with varying identities and backgrounds. We aspire to create a team that represents the diversity of our community while creating a space that encourages and embraces inclusiveness, equal opportunity, and respect. Additionally, we are committed to anti-racism through ongoing and consistent action, moving with urgency while identifying both immediate and long-term strategic actions, both as individuals and collectively as an organization.

Position Summary

As a teaching artist you are responsible for creating a fun and nurturing learning environment that engages campers in creative play appropriate for their developmental ages. You'll be responsible for planning and implementing daily lesson plans, teaching, and directing youth in productions each week, focusing on the process of creating live theatre, developing skills and building community. In this role you live out GREAT's mission of building life skills through quality arts education, ensuring accessibility and inclusion for all, and eliciting joy, empathy and self-discovery through live theatre experiences.

Job Functions

As a Teaching Artist, you'll get to

- Inspire youth to create, play, and develop confidence and a sense of community through theatre arts
- Collaborate and co-teach weekly classes of 15-30 students of all backgrounds and abilities
- Create and implement daily activities and lessons based on provided theatre curriculum, teaching skills through games and activities

- Establish a welcoming learning environment where students feel a sense of agency and belonging
- Develop positive relationships with youth and adults to effectively communicate and ensure a safe learning environment
- Direct students through the process of creating a final sharing/performance for family and friends
- Communicate effectively with GREAT staff
- Travel to various camp locations throughout Central Minnesota
- Facilitate transportation of materials including costume boxes and/or costumes to each site weekly
- Manage and maintain partner spaces following all facility and safety guidelines

This might be the job for you if

- You love working with children and are excited to nurture their growth
- You are creative and think on your feet
- You enjoy storytelling and/or theatre
- You are full of initiative and motivated to learn
- You are passionate about equity and creating an environment that meets the needs of all children
- You are flexible and thrive in an environment that is different each day and may occasionally be described as “organized chaos”
- You enjoy working in a team environment and collaborating with kids and adults
- You are committed to fostering youth development and growth through educational arts

Desirable Skills (bonus but not required)

- Formal or informal experience working with youth from diverse backgrounds and with a variety of learning styles and abilities
- Experience in theatre: movement, dance, storytelling, acting, or singing

Job Requirements

- Candidates must be at least 18, per GREAT’s Child Safety Policy.
- Candidates must pass a state of Minnesota background check.
- The position will require travel to Boys & Girls Clubs and local schools (within 10 miles of downtown St. Cloud)

Covid Safety: GREAT continues to follow guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health regarding safety protocols for youth programming. At this time the most current updates may be found [here](#), but understand these are subject to change as new information and recommendations are available. Additionally, the nature of our work with community partners requires us to adapt to their policies as needed.

If you have any questions about the job or process for hiring please reach out to Colin Nord, Education Manager. ColinN@greattheatre.org, 320.258.2787. Learn more about GREAT Theatre at www.GREATTheatre.org.