



GREAT Theatre Job Description

Position Title: Teaching Artist

Pay Rate: Starting \$600/week (based on experience and qualifications)

Contract Dates: June 1-August 7, 2026

Training Dates: June 1-5, 2026

Reports to: Education Manager

Housing: If teaching artist is not based in Central Minnesota, housing options are available for discussion.

Application: To apply, please email jobs@greattheatre.org the following information.

- a. a written introduction of yourself and how you're qualified for the position along with work history
- b. OR an attached cover letter and resume

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 6-8 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 50,000 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.

About GREAT Theatre's Summer Education Programming

GREAT Theatre's summer education programming is a multi-program experience that equitably delivers theatre opportunities to the youth of all communities in Central Minnesota. A pillar of this is GREAT's summer theatre camps. Open to youth ages four through high school, camps are located in over a dozen schools and theatre spaces throughout Central Minnesota. With a wide range of offerings and age-appropriate curricula, camps are designed to meet the needs of each

participant whether they are a seasoned performer or stepping on stage for the first time. Born from our popular theatre camps in 2018, GREAT's summer partner programming has become core to our summer theatre experience. By partnering with local youth-facing organizations, we offer our high-quality drama workshops at no cost to partners or those participating. This allows thousands of youth who may not otherwise have access to summer theatre camps the opportunity to participate in high-quality theatre experiences. Together, this multi-program experience allows GREAT to equitably deliver theatre opportunities to over 1,200 youth every summer.

Position Summary

Teaching Artists are responsible for delivering GREAT's expansive summer theatre education programming across Central Minnesota. You will be responsible for creating a fun and nurturing learning environment that engages campers in creative play appropriate for their developmental ages. Positions specialize in teaching theatre through storytelling, music, and/or dance to ages ranging from four through high school.

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 with teaching artist partner and co-teach weekly classes of 15-28 students of all backgrounds and abilities
- Create and implement daily activities and lessons following provided 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 including utilizing Basecamp online software
- Travel to various locations throughout Central Minnesota
- Facilitate transportation of materials including costume boxes and/or costumes to each site weekly
- Manage and maintain camp spaces following all facility and safety guidelines

This might be the job for you if

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

Desirable Skills (bonus but not required)

- Experience in theatre - acting and directing
- Experience in dance - movement and creating choreography
- Experience with vocal music - singing and teaching
- Formal or informal experience working with youth of varied ages, from diverse backgrounds, and with a variety of learning styles and abilities

Job Requirements

- Candidates must be at least 18, per GREAT’s Child Safety Policy.
- Candidates must pass a state of Minnesota background check.
- Some lifting (up to 50 pounds).
- A vehicle and driver’s license or other reliable transportation required (travel within 30 miles of downtown St. Cloud).

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