Associate Lead Teaching Artist

Company Description

Syracuse Stage is committed to providing students with rich theatre experiences that connect to and reveal what it is to be human.

Research shows that students who participate in or are exposed to the arts show higher academic achievement, stronger self-esteem, and better ability to plan and work toward a future goal. Live performance provides children and young adults with a unique sensory experience that enriches classroom study and promotes creative expression and cultural awareness. Each season, Syracuse Stage engages nearly 21,440 students from all across New York State with a variety of programs.

Job Description

Syracuse Stage is partnering with the Syracuse City School District to provide full-time Teaching Artists in schools to supplement the K-8 curriculum with Arts Programming. The Associate Lead Teaching Artist will work with the Lead Teaching Artists and ten Teaching Artists. The Syracuse Stage Teaching Artist team holds the primary responsibility for the implementation and development of Syracuse Stage’s curriculum in the Syracuse City School District and the success of its students. Syracuse Stage seeks an Associate Lead Teaching Artist with excellent interpersonal skills, impeccable attention to detail, and extensive in classroom experience. In collaboration with Syracuse Stage Education staff and the Lead Teaching Artists, the Associate Lead will be responsible for the day to day success of the teaching artist team. Teaching artists will be working from the following disciplines:

- Improvisation (Devising, movement, comedy)
- Acting (scene study, performance)
- Dance (Modern, hip-hop, Jazz)
- Playwriting (page to stage)
- Design (Set, Costume, Props, Lighting, Sound)

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work with teaching artist teams to help ensure their success, including coordinating supplies, building use, and behavioral support of students.
- Act as lead for teaching artist staff to the lead teaching artist, ensuring that in classroom needs are met on a day to day basis.
Ability to work independently, facilitate group dynamics, exercise good judgment and show initiative.

Facilitate quarterly whole school events to bring the community together to see the work of the students.

Participate in weekly staff orientation and training, including researching and suggesting training techniques based on classroom need.

Qualifications

- Proven track-record of high achievement in the classroom;
- Mastery of and enthusiasm for artistic subjects;
- Evidence of self-motivation and ability to collaborate and lead
- Bachelor’s degree is required
- Minimum of three years teaching experience in an urban public school
- Valid State Certification is helpful but not required.

Additional Information

Syracuse Stage offers competitive salaries commensurate with experience. Lead Teaching Artist is equipped with a Syracuse University email and necessary supplies for their classes. Position is dependent on grant-funding which we hope to know more by mid-July. Position should then start early to Mid-August.

Syracuse Stage believes in the importance of being a diverse, equitable and inclusive organization that enables students and staff to thrive. We are committed to building a talented team that reflects the diverse backgrounds and experiences of our students. At the same time, we work to ensure an inclusive community through creating a space for important dialogue about issues of race and identity for our staff and students. As an equal opportunity employer, we hire without consideration to race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status or disability.

Submission

Please send a cover letter, resume, references, and a sample extended lesson plan to hr@syracusestage.org.