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. Teaching Artists hold 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 teaching artists with subject-area expertise who are enthusiastic about working with children and young teens. These teachers must demonstrate a commitment to continuously improving curriculum and instruction through designing tools to provide arts enrichment. We are seeking experienced teachers for K-8 grade levels in the following subject areas:

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

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- Implement curricula and activities specific to subject matter.
- Design and implement assessments that measure progress.
- Use assessment data to refine curriculum and inform instructional practices.
- Participate in collaborative curriculum development and grade-level activities.
- Be encouraging of students’ mastery of artistic goals.
● Ability to work independently, facilitate group dynamics, exercise good judgment and show initiative.
● Communicate effectively with students, schools, and Syracuse Stage.
● Participate in a weekly staff orientation and training.

Qualifications

● Proven track-record of high achievement in the classroom;
● Mastery of and enthusiasm for artistic subjects;
● Evidence of self-motivation and willingness to be a team player;
● Bachelor's degree is required
● Minimum of two years teaching experience in an urban public school preferred
● Valid State Certification is helpful but not required.
● Alignment with Syracuse Stage’s educational philosophy.

Additional Information

Syracuse Stage offers competitive salaries commensurate with experience. Teaching Artists are 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.