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JOB POSTING:

Emerging Theatre Director

Full-time, 7-week contract Monday to Friday

Start date: July 5, 2021 – August 20, 2021

Rate: \$19 / hr (35.0 hour work week)

We are seeking an emerging theatre artist between the ages of 18 and 30 with an interest and background in theatre direction. You are in the early stages of your career (1 to 2 years), or a recent graduate from a degree program in theatre production or a related field. You have not previously worked full-time in a professional capacity and you are seriously committed to pursuing or advancing your career in theatre. The Emerging Theatre Director will be mentored by theatre professionals from the Vancouver professional theatre community. This barrier-free initiative provides opportunities to gain exposure and advance skills. It is designed to help artists bridge the gap from emerging to established by providing them with the experience and resources they need to succeed.

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

Founded in 1972, Place des Arts is a not-for-profit arts education centre with a mission to inspire the artist in everyone. Located in the historic Maillardville neighbourhood of Coquitlam, we offer quality instruction for all ages and skill levels in the visual, literary and performing arts.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The *Grimm Fairy Tales: An Inclusive Reimagining* project, is a new approach to Place des Arts' longstanding Summer Youth Theatre Troupe. Emerging IBPOC/LGBTQIA2S+ theatre professionals will take the reins of the Troupe, and with the mentorship of a seasoned creative team, they will share their contemporary life experiences through reinterpretations of three folk stories originally documented in the 18th century by the Brothers Grimm.

The IBPOC/LGBTQIA2S+ youth will select three Grimm stories, rewrite them to align with their own experiences, design the sets, costumes and props, cast the actors, rehearse and execute the performances. Guidance and training for the project will be provided by local theatre professionals. It is anticipated that the IBPOC/LGBTQIA2S+ youth will develop long term mentorship relationships and connections to the Lower Mainland theatre community through participation in this project.

Three unique performances will be prepared for the Tri-Cities community. Ideally, community members will be able to attend the performances in-person during the summer and fall of 2021. However, if COVID-19 public health restrictions do not permit outdoor gatherings at that time, the performances will be recorded, released and curated on Place des Arts' YouTube channel.

GENERAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Reporting to the Program and Events Coordinator and working directly with the Summer Theatre Troupe Mentors, the Emerging Theatre Director will oversee and devise a script using Brothers Grimm source material. They will supervise the youth actors and direct the action in the production.

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SPECIFIC ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Attend all production meetings
- Lead the youth actors through the process of workshoping and creating adapted scripts for three Brothers Grimm Fairy Tales adhering to the pre-determined themes as approved by the Program and Events Coordinator
- Ensure a creative, safe and inclusive work environment, where all participants voices are heard
- Liaise with the various departments regarding all production elements
- Create the rehearsal schedule in consultation with the Program and Events Coordinator and Stage Manager
- Supervise rehearsals and direct the production according to the pre-determined production schedule
- Attend all performance and provide show notes to the actors prior to the next performance

REQUIREMENTS

- Valid BC drivers licence and access to a vehicle
- Previous experience and/or training coordinating in your artistic practice
- Ability to relate to youth
- Effective written and verbal communication skills
- Well organized with attention to detail
- Competency in public speaking
- Ability to work independently and to exercise initiative
- Approachable and flexible, with an eagerness to learn
- Ability to work with a variety of personalities
- Must have a flexible work schedule to accommodate performance schedule
- Ability to lift up to 30 pounds
- Must have a criminal record check completed upon hiring.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be between 18 and 30 years of age at start of employment
- Must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or person on whom refugee protection had been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
- Must be legally entitled to work according to relevant provincial legislation and regulations
- Must not hold another full-time (30 or more hours) summer job or full-time study during their employment

ASSETS

- Previous experience working with youth

Please submit a résumé with cover letter and references by March 5, 2021 to:
opportunities@placedesarts.ca, 1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam, BC V3K 1G2

*We thank all applicants; however, only those selected for interviews will be contacted.
Place des Arts is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes applications from all qualified individuals.*