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PLACE DES ARTS

Youth Actors, Summer Theatre Troupe

Group Auditions: Sun April 27, 2025

Actors will be booked in 1-hour time slots between 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Volunteer Position, \$500 honorarium paid upon completion of volunteer commitment

Rehearsals: Wednesdays to Sundays from July 7 to 25, 2025

Performances: July 25 to August 4, 2025

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

Place des Arts' Summer Theatre Troupe (STT) provides local youth, between ages 13-17, meaningful mentorship and performance opportunities, while also serving the community free, family-friendly, live theatre. 2025 will mark the 12th season of the Summer Theatre Troupe, which has grown into an established platform for aspiring young performers and artists to connect with their peers, learn from professionals in the field and gain valuable performance experience in a supported, professional environment. This program provides enriched learning for youth allowing them to engage with their community and learn new concepts and techniques which they can take forward into this production and beyond.

The 2025 Summer Theatre Troupe (STT) will be performing an adaptation of *Munsch at Play* written by Irene N. Watts. This delightful collection features classic stories such as *Stephanie's Ponytail*, *Mortimer*, *The Paper Bag Princess*, *Mud Puddle*, and *Murmel, Murmel, Murmel*.

OVERVIEW

Reporting to the Program and Events Coordinator and working with the Director and Production Stage Manager, Summer Theatre Troupe Youth Actors will attend rehearsals, learn roles as assigned and assist with technical/production elements of the production. Actors will perform in approximately 12 indoor shows at Place des Arts and will help to set up and strike the show each day.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Learn lines and stage blockings as assigned.
- Actively participate in all rehearsals and production dates.
- Be on time for all rehearsals and show call times.
- Assist with the production and technical needs of the production.
- Complete an evaluation/final report of the Summer Theatre Troupe actor experience.

DESIRED SKILLS AND QUALITIES

- Previous experience and/or training in theatre.
- Strong verbal communication skills.
- Excellent time management skills.
- Competency in public speaking.
- Ability to work in a team and to exercise initiative
- Approachable, flexible and eager to learn.
- Ability to work with a variety of personalities.
- Must have a flexible schedule to accommodate rehearsal and performance schedules.

ASSETS

- Previous technical theatre experience.
- Previous acting/performance experience.

BENEFITS

- Gain valuable acting experience and improve your performance skills in a supportive and creative environment.
- Learn from working theatre professionals and expand your network.
- Receive confirmation of volunteer hours letter upon request.

Please submit a resume and headshot by March 15, 2025, to Jessie Au, Director of Programs and Events, at opportunities@placedesarts.ca, 1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam, BC V3K 1G2

*We thank all applicants; however, only those selected for interviews will be contacted.
We welcome applications from candidates who meet the eligibility regardless of their gender, religion, race, ethnicity and nationality. We encourage submissions from members of the BIPOC and 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. You're encouraged to apply even if your experience doesn't precisely match the job description.*