

## **Education & Teaching Artist Apprenticeship**

**Job Type:** Apprenticeship

**Job Department:** Education

**Reports to:** Education & Community Programs Manager



## **About Chicago Children's Theatre**

*Since its launch in 2005, Chicago Children's Theatre has cemented its reputation as the city's largest professional theatre company devoted exclusively to children and families. The company evolved out of Chicago's need for high-quality, professional year-round children's programming to match the quality, & significance of theatrical powerhouses such as Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Goodman Theatre, & Lookingglass Theatre. Likewise, CCT has always believed children should be treated as the sophisticated audiences that they are, showcasing high-profile & award-winning talent, inventive production values & compelling stories that challenge, educate & entertain.*

## **Summary of Position**

Education & Teaching Artist Apprentices will work closely with the Education and Community Programs Manager to imagine, realize, coordinate, and implement the summer camp programs at The Station, Chicago Children's Theatre's home. Apprentices will gain work experience in arts education by directly working with children and teaching artists every day. Additionally, they will set goals and become aware of their growth throughout the summer, all while meeting professional educators and artists in the industry through their work at Chicago Children's Theatre. This is an educational apprenticeship, and is eligible for college credit with participating institutions. Paid opportunities are also available; more details will be provided if you are selected for an interview.

**Below is the list of normal job duties, but it is not exhaustive.**

### **Primary Responsibilities:**

- Assist and provide support to Lead Teaching Artists in the classroom. Classes range in discipline and include story-telling, music, devising, theatre arts, dance, craft, design, & puppet making
- Prepare and reset classrooms for programming
- Plan and execute several hour long lessons throughout the summer
- Lead games during classes
- Assist with transitions and lunch time

### **Knowledge, Skills, & Activities:**

We are seeking candidates 18-23 years old that have a passion for working with children and their families. Candidates with program management experience, teaching experience, and arts education experience will be prioritized for this position. The hired candidate will be trained and assisted by teachers and staff members at Chicago Children's Theatre who are experienced with our curriculum and programs. Other desired skills include but are not limited to:

- Interest or experience in performance and craft (storytelling, singing, musical performance, film making, painting, drawing, puppetry, etc.)
- An interest in arts education and teaching
- Strong communication, organizational, and writing skills
- Attention to detail and ability to work under pressure in a fast-paced environment
- Flexibility and ability to work independently
- An abundant curiosity to learn & a willingness to assist.
- A sense of humor!



**Working Environment/Time Commitment:**

Position may include occasional lifting (up to 50 lbs individually), carrying, pushing &/or pulling, climbing & balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching &/or crawling.

We are an equal-opportunity employer committed to accessibility and inclusion for all staff, students, and patrons, and priority will not be given to those with the ability to perform the physical tasks listed.

**Time Commitment**

- June 13, 2021 – August 26th, 2022
- Approximately 20-25 hours per week, Monday through Friday, between 8:30am-5:30pm
- Ideal candidate maintains a consistent schedule
- Days/Hours scheduled flexible to apprentice's schedule

**To Apply:**

Please submit your resume, availability (as indicated above), and a link to a 2-3 minute **video-recorded statement of interest** to Sivan Spector at [sivan@chicagochildrenstheatre.org](mailto:sivan@chicagochildrenstheatre.org) with the subject line "Education Apprentice".

The video will ideally introduce yourself, outline your experience working in the arts or working with kids, and express your interest in the apprenticeship. In your application, please highlight if you would like to be considered specifically for an acting, design, improv, or music apprenticeship, or if you would like to work in multiple fields. Videos should show your energy and personality. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview.

**Chicago Children's Theatre is committed to equity, diversity, inclusion and justice in our organization and our community, and thus we seek a broad spectrum of employees. We strongly encourage and welcome applicants who are Black, Indigenous or People of Color, as well as those who are from other underrepresented communities. AA/EOE**

Chicago Children's Theatre is strongly committed to increasing equity, diversity and inclusion in our audiences, our programs and in all of our hiring for staff, artists, and recruiting of board members. CCT is committed to a future where our theatre is a home for all people, all families, and is truly reflective of our community. We are also committed to providing a work environment that is free from discrimination. CCT prohibits discrimination in employment against any employee or job applicant because of that person's race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, disability, genetic information, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, familial status, veteran status, status with regard to public assistance, membership in a local human rights commission or any other legally protected status.