

Teaching Artist

Job Type: CONTRACT / HOURLY

Job Department: Education

Reports to: Education management, direct report varies based on program

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.

Education Programming Vision

The Education Department of Chicago Children's Theatre aims to empower the next generation of performers, innovators, and collaborators. Through theatre education, we not only foster students' artistic skills, but develop confident voices, encourage open-mindedness, and build community. Our programs are led by experienced teaching artists who are passionate about championing young people's stories regardless of background. Our programs emphasize student authorship, youth empowerment, and community leadership.

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

Primary Responsibilities:

- Plan & execute age-appropriate drama lessons based around specific goals and themes
- Execute goals, expectations, and requirements laid out in your schedule and curriculum
- Arrive punctually and fully prepared
- Provide excellent classroom management and support
- Work collaboratively with the CCT staff through the duration of the program (meet deadlines, complete lesson reports, administer assessment materials as needed, attend required meetings or training, etc.)
- Plan and establish a safe learning environment for all participants.
- Document program successes and challenges and share with CCT.
- Report any concerns including curriculum, goals, attendance, materials, and facility issues with CCT as needed.
- Document and report any and all incidents to CCT staff immediately after the incident.
- Adhere to all classroom guidelines, safety, and emergency procedures as outlined by CCT.

Knowledge, Skills, & Activities:

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

- Excellent communication, problem solving and organizational skills.
- Experience working with children.
- A passion for teaching the arts.
- A dedication to access, inclusion, and anti-racism.
- The ability to work with a wide range of internal & external personalities in a professional & congenial manner.
- The demonstrated ability to deal with ambiguous and uncertain situations & take positive actions to ensure the best quality programming is delivered daily.



- Spanish language proficiency (preferred, not required)
- A good work ethic.
- An abundant curiosity to learn & a willingness to assist.
- A sense of humor!

Working Environment:

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.

Classes take place at Chicago Children's Theatre in the West Loop, and a variety of residency locations across Chicago, ranging from Hyde Park to Lincoln Park.

Compensation & Hours:

Hourly compensation of \$55/hr for lead teachers, \$25/hr for assistant teachers during school year workshops. Summer camp rates range between \$24-26/hr for lead teachers and \$18-23 for assistant teachers, which includes both instructional time and paid lunch breaks and other breaks throughout the camp day. Teaching Artists are offered additional opportunities for paid professional development and/or lesson planning to be mutually agreed upon based on the nature of each teaching engagement.

To Apply:

Please send a link to a brief (2-3 minute) **video-recorded statement of interest** (emphasizing any previous arts education &/or childcare experience) and resume to jobs@chicagochildrenstheatre.org. In your statement please address the following:

1. Introduce yourself! What would you like us to know about yourself as an educator, an artist, and a person?
2. What areas within the arts do you enjoy teaching (i.e. acting, improv, dance, early childhood education)? What age groups do you enjoy teaching? (CCT's classes range from 12 mos-grade 8)
3. What previous places of employment have you taught at and what experiences did you gain?
4. Why do you teach? Why would you like to teach specifically with CCT?

No calls please. The position is immediately available for hire.

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.