



Teaching Artist - Theatre

Part-Time (20 hours per week, 75% local travel)

Shea's Performing Arts Center seeks an experienced teaching artist to execute standards-aligned theatre workshops and residencies with community partners in Buffalo and Western New York. This position includes some evenings and weekends and reports to the Director of Arts Engagement and Education.

Essential Functions:

- Curate performing arts-related experiences for community stakeholders with a broad range of identities and backgrounds
- Develop theatre-based curricula for residencies and workshops with a variety of learning objectives
- Teach multiple residencies in schools and organizations across Buffalo and Western New York
- Schedule and conduct planning meetings with educators before, during, and after residencies
- Research, analyze, and report emerging trends in arts education
- Collect, evaluate, and maintain relevant data about program participants
- Assist Arts Engagement and Education team with on-site workshops, performances and events
- Serve as an ambassador of Shea's Performing Arts Center, representing the values and philosophy of the organization
- Perform other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in a related field (Theatre, Dance, Writing, etc.), combined with extensive performance experience
- At least three years of experience as a classroom teacher or teaching artist
- Cultural competency to engage individuals with diverse identities and backgrounds
- Strong skills in writing, interpersonal communication, and public speaking
- Reliable transportation and valid driver's license

Preferred Qualifications:

- English/Spanish bilingual
- Strong background in community organizing
- Experience with youth development, trauma informed care, and restorative justice practices

Salary is commensurate with experience.

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Please submit cover letter and C.V. or resume to Thembi Duncan at tduncan@sheas.org on or before Tuesday, September 25. Subject Line: Teaching Artist Submission [First Name_Last Name]. This is a permanent, part-time position.

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About Shea's Arts Engagement and Education

The Shea's Performing Arts Center Department of Arts Engagement and Education seeks to facilitate multiple opportunities for all individuals in Buffalo and Western New York to experience:

- Arts engagement – community-building through shared arts experiences
- Arts integration – connecting art forms to educational objectives in a structured learning environment , and
- Arts education – learning the principles of the artistic process

Partnering with a variety of community stakeholders is essential to facilitating expansive, consistent arts immersion that can create a pathway to 21st century skills such as initiative, effective communication, flexibility, and creative problem-solving. We intend to provide support to communities across Western New York by implementing school-based classes in dramatic writing and performance, community theatre-making events, and professional development sessions for educators and organizational leaders.