



## Teaching Artist Positions

Childsplay, Arizona's professional theatre for young audiences, seeks creative, innovative, and qualified theater teaching artists for part-time employment in a variety of education programs.

### About Childsplay:

Founded in 1977, Childsplay is a nationally and internationally respected professional theatre company whose chosen audience is children. Childsplay's mission is to create theatre so strikingly original in form, content, or both that it instills in young people an enduring awe, love, and respect for the medium, thus preserving imagination and wonder, those hallmarks of childhood that are the keys to the future.

Childsplay values equity, diversity, and inclusion throughout our organization, programs and audiences. We are committed to giving underrepresented artists a safe space to create art and community. By welcoming people with differences in religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, class, gender identity, ability, and age we are better able to celebrate that which brings humankind together: imagination and wonder.

Please visit our website at [www.childsplayaz.org](http://www.childsplayaz.org) for additional information about the company, our education programs, and work in the community.

### Available Positions:

**In-School Residencies and Afterschool Programs** bring opportunities for drama experience to K-8 students in schools throughout the Greater Phoenix Area. Multi-week programs center around arts integration, creative drama, and social emotional development.

**Professional Development Programs** work with preK-8 teachers to integrate drama into their teaching practice. Primarily focused on literacy and language development, these programs work one-on-one with classroom teachers in a job-embedded setting.

**Childsplay Academy** offers quality theatre classes for students ages 2-18 at Childsplay's campus in Tempe on weekend and weeknights. Academy classes focus on cultivating performing arts abilities and life skills.

**Post-Performance and Special Event Workshops** are short (30-60 minute) one-time drama classes connected to themes from the performance.



#### **Teaching Artist is Responsible for:**

- Writing lesson plans (training provided!)
- Facilitating drama classes and workshops
- Providing feedback to students
- Communicating with students, caregivers, and other educators
- Attending paid training and team planning sessions as needed
- Completing and submitting paperwork (including lesson plans/course outlines, assessments, and payroll)

#### **Teaching Artist Requirements:**

- Passion for working with young people and fostering a lifelong love for the performing arts
- Experience in the performing arts, either in a professional, educational, or community context
- Valid Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card (or the ability to obtain credential before beginning a project with Childsplay)
- Strong communication skills
- Ability to thrive in both independent and collaborative environments
- Sense of humor, flexibility, and a positive attitude

#### **Additional Valued Skills and Qualifications:**

- Experience with English Language Learners (ELL)
- Experience working with students with a variety of needs and abilities
- Experience with arts integration
- Training or experience in differentiated instruction
- Fluency in Spanish (speaking and writing)

#### **How to Apply:**

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Prospective teaching artists should note that the scheduling of work is flexible and based on departmental need. We hire on a project basis and pay hourly. Qualified Applicants should send:

- A short statement giving us an overview of relevant experience and your interest in the position. Submissions may include a written statement, voice memo, video, or another format to communicate your interest in teaching
- A resume outlining any relevant professional, artistic, and teaching experience
- Email these to [bfallon@childsplayaz.org](mailto:bfallon@childsplayaz.org) and [jgantwerker@childsplayaz.org](mailto:jgantwerker@childsplayaz.org) with subject line: "Teaching Artist Interest"