



Childsplay, Arizona's professional theatre for young audiences, seeks creative, innovative, and enthusiastic **Teaching Artists** for 2021 Summer Academy education Programs.

About Childsplay:

Founded in 1977, Childsplay is a nationally and internationally respected professional theatre company whose chosen audience is children. Childplay'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.

About Childsplay Academy:

Harnessing the transformative power of theatre, Childsplay Academy creates education programs that center young people in the process of artistic discovery and courageous empathy. With classes for ages 4-18, programs focus on cultivating student's love for the performing arts, igniting their collaborative creativity, and developing life skills to improve our world.

As part of our commitment to access and inclusion, Childsplay Theatre Academy makes intentional choices in classroom practices to welcome young people of all abilities, ethnicities, sexual orientations, and gender identities. And we're committed to addressing the individual physical, learning, and social needs of our students.

Please visit our website at www.childsplayaz.org for additional information about the company, our programs, and work in the community.

Duration:

Summer Academy Teaching Artist is a seasonal, hourly position, Monday- Friday during the camp dates. The 2021 Summer Academy mandatory training is Saturday, May 22nd and the camp operates from June 1st- July 30th (no classes week of July 5th- 9th). Ideal candidates have limited conflicts during this period. Opportunities are available to teach online courses, full-day in-person, or half-day in-person programs.

Job Summary:

With support from assistant teachers and under the supervision of the Academy Director, Summer Academy Teaching artists are responsible for planning and facilitating drama lessons with a group of young people. Key responsibilities include (but are not limited to): preparing class activities, teaching assigned content,

scaffolding or adapting activities to meet students' needs, and building courageous & inclusive learning environments.

An Academy Teaching Artist is Responsible For:

1. Planning and facilitating drama-based lessons adapted to the assigned content that address both performance skills and foster creative collaboration.
2. Coordinating with assistant teachers, student interns, and Academy Administration to build inclusive learning environments.
3. Communicating with caregivers about classroom activities and student progress.
4. Supervising students to maintain their safety and well-being during class; this includes following check-out procedures, inclusive instruction practices, and equitable classroom management.
5. Attending scheduled training sessions or meetings and completing required paperwork by determined deadlines.

Required Skills and Qualifications:

- Passion for working with young people and fostering a life-long love for performing arts.
- Experience in the performing arts (professional, education, or avocationally)
- Current Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card (or ability to obtain credential before beginning work)
- Commitment to establishing learning spaces that center equity and inclusion.
- Ability to work independently or collaboratively depending on the project
- Willingness to learn and implement different forms of drama facilitation and arts integration into classes
- Good communication for different groups including with students, caregivers, teachers, or program administrators
- Flexibility and a positive attitude essential

Additional Valued Skills and Qualifications:

- Experience working with specific student populations such as ELL, special needs, individuals with autism, etc.
- Professional theatre experience and/or advanced training in theatre or education
- Training or experience in different education modalities or methods
- Experience with content creation or curriculum development

Salary: \$14-\$20 an hour depending on the program

How to Apply:

Candidates submit via e-mail:

1. A short statement telling us why you enjoy working with young people.
Submissions may include a written statement, voice memo, video, or another format to communicate your interest in teaching.
2. A resume highlighting any relevant teaching, artistic, or work experience

Please e-mail: Academy Director, Katie Brantley at kbrantley@childsplayaz.org.

Childsplay values equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) throughout our organization, programs, and audience. 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.