

# **Education Apprentice-in-Training**

## **ACT Summer Day Program**

### **Sessions 1-2: July 1st - 26th**

### **Sessions 3-4: July 29th - August 23rd**

#### **Summary of position:**

Apprentices-in-Training will work directly with and receive mentorship and training from Camp Director Sarah Smith. They will assist in developing, planning, preparing, and implementing our Summer Day Program productions of *Getting to Know...Once Upon Mattress* and *The Little Mermaid Jr.*

Apprentices-in-Training will focus on learning about aspects of Directing, Choreography, Stage Management, and Set and Costume Design. Education and process will be at the center of each of these programs with the final performance being considered a sharing and celebration of work instead of a full production.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Support, encourage, and guide young ACTors in all aspects of the production process.
- Facilitate intentional, educational games and activities for small groups of children.
- Create a positive learning experience for every young person involved.
- Engage all young ACTors regardless of role cast in.
- Assist in creating a clear code of conduct and hold young people accountable for their actions.
- Contribute to a fun, but disciplined rehearsal environment.
- Help children feel comfortable, included, affirmed and safe.
- Be a positive role model.
- Be an ambassador for Arlington Children's Theatre and its mission.

#### **Primary learning goals:**

- Be able to assist in the planning and implementation of a theatrical educational program with the focus being on process and communication.
- Develop your artistic, creative and educational voice.
- Be able to collaborate with a team of other young theatre artists.
- Engage with young actors and develop your skills in controlling small groups and maintaining consistent discipline and working practices.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Ability to collaborate and work with a team of other artists/educators.
- Ability to work with and lead young actors with empathy and a sense of humor.
- Previous experience with education/working with young actors.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- A love of theatre and/or education.

**Education:**

This opportunity is open to all High School students (entering grade 9 and up).

**Compensation**

A small stipend will be paid to help offset costs of travel.

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**How to apply:**

Please submit a short letter detailing your experience/suitability for the position and what educational goals you would set for yourself during the process. Please submit materials to Camp Director Sarah Smith and Artistic Director Joseph C. Walsh no later than **April 15, 2019**. Please send materials by email with the subject line "Your Name - Apprentice-in-Training Application" to [info@act.arlington.ma.us](mailto:info@act.arlington.ma.us).

**ABOUT ARLINGTON CHILDREN'S THEATRE**

The mission of Arlington Children's Theatre is to embrace, enrich, educate and entertain children and their families, within the Boston area, through its commitment to a unique, quality, theatre program. Established in 1991, Arlington Children's Theatre of Arlington, Massachusetts is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating positive theatrical experiences for children aged 7 through 18. ACT is an all-volunteer organization, made up of families who wish to have fun and work hard to bring theater to life. We hire theater professionals to teach our workshops and direct our shows. Each show relies on the participation of adult volunteers involved in every aspect of the production: lighting, costumes, make-up, set construction, set crew, etc. Participation in an ACT production is open to any child, from any town, who is willing to work with the directors and fellow actors. No prior theatrical experience is required. For announcements of shows, auditions, workshops and other activities of the ACT, please visit ACT online at <https://act.arlington.ma.us>.