



Early Explorers/Early Elementary Teaching Artist Job Description:

The School of Theatre Arts at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre is accepting applications for teaching artists who work with students from ages four through seven! Classes for this age group focus on storytelling through play, building a foundation of musical theatre skills, and using imagination to develop a character!

Our priority is to find teaching artists who represent the students who enter our building and work to build student confidence, foster collaboration, and inspire creativity in the classroom. We strive to hire individuals who are committed to creating a safe and inclusive classroom community by building relationships with their students. Teachers are expected to write lesson plans, select materials for their classes, and work with students on both their strengths and weaknesses with the guidance and support of the Education Department staff. Teaching artists are also expected to attend faculty meetings prior to each term, participate in continued professional development opportunities, and communicate with the Director of Education and Outreach to ensure that the mission of the School of Theatre Arts is consistently upheld.

If you feel that you have the experience and priorities expressed above, we would love for you to take a look at the requirements below and submit an application. Any questions can be directed to our Director of Education and Outreach, Jenna Betka-Pope, at jbetkapope@grct.org

Successful candidates tend to have the following:

- Teaching experience that required advance planning, behavior management, and relationship building
- Theater experience to ensure familiarity with stage directions, gestures, facial expressions, diction, auditions, and other theater basics!
- A college degree in the areas of education, theater, or one of the specialty content areas (design, dance, etc.) and/or commensurate work experience
- Foster a sense of belonging and community for all individuals who participate in the program
- Cultural and social competency to work with individuals from diverse backgrounds and with different abilities
- Ability to effectively collaborate or work independently with minimal supervision

Requirements:

- Email either a cover letter OR a video (no longer than five minutes) with the following content to jbetkapope@grct.org
 - Detail your experience teaching youth and why you seek to teach theater for young artists!

- If you have a resume that includes teaching experience, please email that to jbetkapope@grct.org, as well. We do not need resumes with theatrical performances submitted.
- All candidates will go through a background check as part of the hiring process

Schedule:

- Early Explorers will be held during the week of August 14th with two sessions this year. One session will be held from 9-11 am and the second from 1-3 pm.
- Early elementary classes during the school year are typically held on Saturdays between 9 am and 4 pm.

Compensation:

- Hourly Compensation: \$46/contact hour with students
- Parking reimbursement during camp or class hours

Application Deadline: February 20th