

## **THEATER DIRECTOR/ TEACHING ARTIST - Youth Musical Theatre Project (Grades 4 or 8) (Part-time)**

### **Job Position: Theatre Director - Youth Musical Theatre Project Grades 4 to 8**

Young Audiences of Massachusetts (YAMA) invites you to join our vibrant roster of experienced teaching artists in our Expanded Arts Access program that works to close opportunity gaps to accessible and inspiring arts learning opportunities for young people in school communities across Greater Boston and beyond. YAMA staff works closely with school partners to develop or adapt programming that meets the unique needs of each student population.



### **Program**

In our afterschool musical theatre program, the objectives are to provide trauma-informed and culturally responsive sessions that engage children in the joy of theatre, singing, and movement that foster self-regulation and socialization, while working together in a project-based curriculum, culminating in public community performances.

The afterschool musical theatre project is hosted in Allston in partnership with the Gardner Pilot Academy (GPA), 30 Athol St, Allston, MA 02134. Classes and rehearsals will be held weekly in early January through mid June, 2023 and will primarily engage students in grades 4-8 with additional rehearsals scheduled at the beginning of the program to develop a sense of community, and dress rehearsal and performances in mid-June. All YAMA teaching artists work closely with YAMA's School Partnership Manager to create a comprehensive classroom experience for students.

### **Job Description**

We are seeking an experienced youth theater director whose curriculum will engage students in a collaborative musical theater project in partnership with a team of teaching artists including a Music Director/teaching artist and production/stage craft teaching artist culminating in public community performances. We are seeking a theater teaching artist with experience/interest in musical theatre to lead theatre games, culturally responsive playmaking activities, and stage direction of a musical theatre project with rehearsals approximately once a week, Jan-June afterschool from 2:30-4pm, with weekday evening dress rehearsal and community performances in mid-June.

**Job Responsibilities include:**

- Collaborate with the Music Director/teaching artist and Production/stage craft teaching artist to determine culturally responsive repertoire and approaches
- Supervise teaching assistant(s)
- Prepare and lead weekly lessons/rehearsals, ensure timely and engaging instruction
- Participate in planning/debriefing/evaluation meetings, collectively with collaborating teaching artists, GPA staff, and with YAMA staff.
- Prepare and lead students for dress rehearsal and performances.
- Support with tech rehearsal as needed.
- Submit lesson plans, evaluation/reflection documents as requested.

**Qualifications:**

- Experience working with elementary and middle school aged youth in high-needs environments.
- Bachelors or theater education degree, or equivalent drama/theater teaching and directing experience.
- At least two years of experience teaching young children in an urban school environment with a diverse student population
- Ability to teach in inclusive classrooms, employ inclusive teaching strategies, and adapt curriculum to the needs of the classroom
- Strong command of classroom management skills with a student focused, strength based growth mindset approach.
- Ability to create and employ weekly lesson plans/curriculum with culturally responsive approaches that reflects the diversity of the students
- Energetic, reliable, independent, flexible, responsible, organized
- Strong relationship building and interpersonal communication skills
- Candidates who are bilingual in Spanish/English are strongly encouraged to apply, however it is not a requirement.

**Compensation:**

Young Audiences of MA is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to building a diverse, inclusive staff. The teaching artist's relationship to YAMA is that of an independent contractor.

This position is part-time, with pay rate determined by experience and the number and type of deliveries provided in the assigned residency as listed in the Job Responsibilities above.

**Pay Rate:**

- Theatre Sessions: \$100-\$150/Class - depending on experience
- Planning meetings: \$50/meeting

**How To Apply:**

Please email Brenda Huggins, School Partnership Manager: BHuggins@yamass.org and note your afternoon availability Jan-June and evening availability in June. Include a Resume that outlines arts teaching experience, and two references. No Cover Letter required. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. No phone calls, please. Thank you.

**Apply by:**

Dec 19, 2022

**About this Organization:**

Young Audiences of Massachusetts (YAMA) is an arts education non-profit that brings the region's best performing and teaching artists to schools, libraries, museums, community centers, hospitals, homeless shelters and other learning and healing centers throughout the Commonwealth.

Founded in 1962, YAMA's mission is to educate, inspire and empower the youth of Massachusetts through the arts. We believe that arts are an essential component of both formal education and youth development, and that every child, regardless of background, talents or abilities, deserves access to the rich educational opportunities inherent to arts learning.

We reach over 120,000 students each year with impactful arts learning through performances, hands-on workshops and in depth-artist residencies in dance, music, theater, storytelling, and visual arts. [www.yamass.org](http://www.yamass.org)

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