

Aurora Theatre Stage Management Apprenticeship

Aurora Theatre at Lawrenceville Arts Center celebrates humanity's rich cultural fabric through creative and educational programming, cultivating a community of belonging for all.

Aurora Theatre operates 5 performance spaces, and is the second-largest professional theatre in the state of Georgia. Aurora's Apprenticeship is an 11-month program designed to support and offer training to early career artists. The Stage Management Apprentice is part of an Apprentice Company that also includes Performance, Directing, Technical and Costume Apprentices.

What to expect from the Stage Management Apprenticeship:

1. **Departmental Experience:** The Apprentices will work with the Director of Production for 20 hours per week (10 hours per week when assigned to a production). Departmental hours will provide hands-on experience in Arts Administration, Production Management, and Casting.
2. **Production Experience:** The Apprentice will serve as a member of the professional Stage Management team for at least three productions during the 22-23 season. The Apprentice will serve as the primary Stage Manager for at least one production during the 22-23 season.
3. **Educational Experience:** The Apprentice will participate in training classes and workshops with emphasis on specialized skills such as stage combat safety, directing, intimacy coordination, Qlab, first aid and emergency management.

Benefits of the Apprenticeship:

- Gain professional Stage Management credits. Our Apprentices are full-fledged members of our production team; we are looking for experienced stage managers who are ready to learn and improve through professional opportunities.
- Create connections with regional and national artistic talent. The Apprenticeship requires close contact and collaboration with Aurora's full-time staff, local actors, designers and directors, as well as national artists who travel to Atlanta to work at Aurora.
- Learn about Actors' Equity, and gain EMC points. Aurora is an Equity house, and you will be eligible to earn Equity Membership Candidate points. You will work closely with our AEA Stage Managers and Assistant Stage Managers, and you will gain experience in how to work with AEA regulations.

- Receive professional evaluations, and individualized support in personal assessment and pursuing goals. We believe in the importance of learning, evaluating, and identifying specific goals during the Apprenticeship. You will participate in monthly meetings with the Director of Production to ask questions, evaluate learning experiences, and identify goals to pursue. An important trait of our Apprenticeship is that we can tailor classes and mentorship opportunities to the specific goals and interests of the Apprentice.
- Complimentary “Field Trips” with the AppCo to see performances at other Atlanta theatres

Compensation:

- \$300/week stipend for every full week worked. You will be a W2 contractor, so taxes will be automatically taken out.
- Additional hours above your assigned 20 hrs/week may be worked at the Apprentice’s discretion, and will be compensated at \$9/hour.
- Maximum 15 hours of volunteer work per month. These hours can include fundraisers and special events, company-wide training, serving as a Teaching Assistant for Aurora Academy, bartending at front of house, theatre clean-up/maintenance, or other duties.
- You will not be paid for classes/workshops. These are a benefit of the apprenticeship and an opportunity for you to study and learn from successful industry professionals.
- The AppCo Showcase at the end of the Apprenticeship is an educational showcase and is not included in paid hours.

Things to Consider:

- Schedule: The Apprenticeship is full time – 40+ hours per week, but it is not set hours. Your schedule will adjust to the needs of the overall production schedule.
- Housing/Transportation: Aurora does not provide housing. It is suggested that housing be secured prior to beginning the Apprenticeship, and that all Apprentices have a reliable mode of transportation.

Application Procedure:

Each candidate must submit the following items together in one email:

1. A current resume including educational and professional experience
2. Three (3) references, with contact information
3. A cover letter/personal statement of at least 250 words describing the candidate’s expectations of the Apprentice Program and how it relates to his or her individual career goals



Application Deadline: April 22nd, 2022 with interviews being conducted by the end of April.

Send Application to:

Katie Chambers, Director of Production at k2@auroratheatre.com

AND

Nikki Toombs, Director of Education at education@auroratheatre.com

For more information about Aurora Theatre, please visit: <https://www.auroratheatre.com>