

Professional Acting Apprenticeship

About:

The Aurora Theatre at Lawrenceville Arts Center, located in the heart of Gwinnett County, is the second largest professional theatre in the state of Georgia. With its five distinct performance spaces, the Aurora produces 800+ events for more than 80,000 visitors each season and is an arts and culture venue ideal for presentations, conventions, corporate meetings and celebrations. As an arts organization, we aim to celebrate humanity's rich cultural fabric through creative and educational programming, cultivating a community of belonging for all. One of the many ways in which we achieve this is through our 11-month apprenticeship program designed to support and offer training to early career artists.

Candidates:

- Recent College Graduates and or Early Career Professionals
- Applicants who have studied theatre or have equal professional/community experience

Benefits:

- Participate in Departmental (Arts Admin), Production and Educational Training
- Study with some of Atlanta's finest theatre practitioners and artistic partners.
- Perform and gain professional credits during our 2022-2023 season
- Audition for Grand Stage & Mainstage shows as well as special event performances
- Serve as an understudy, crew and swing for our Grand Stage, Mainstage and TYA shows
- Gain experience as Teaching Assistants for classes, workshops and camps
- Participate in a showcase at the end of the season for family, friends and industry professionals

Expectations:

- Commit to 10-20 departmental hours weekly (varies depending on show assignment)
- Commit to 15 monthly volunteer hours (These hours can include fundraisers and special events, company-wide training, Teaching Assistant for Aurora Academy, bartending at front of house, ushering for productions, theatre cleanup/maintenance, show strike or other duties.)
- Support the institution for special events (including but limited to gala, camps, race/walks opening and closing night gatherings and board engagement.)
- Attend staff meetings (up to two)
- Guaranteed onstage performance for at least one show during the season
- One crew assignment (you will work backstage for one show during the season)

Compensation:

- \$300 weekly for a variety of responsibilities including performance opportunities on our Mainstage, Grand Stage and TYA shows You will be a W2 contractor, so taxes will be automatically withdrawn.
- Apprentices are allowed to work additional hours above the assigned 20 hours/week with a \$9/hour compensation rate. This is completely at the apprentice's discretion. Please note that this is beyond the volunteer hours and organizational commitments.
- In-Kind Instruction: leadership training, classroom instruction, master classes, teaching assistant work, agent and end of year showcase (rehearsals and performance)
- Each AppCo member receives 1-2 comp tickets to all Opening Nights and the opportunity to network with cast/crew after the show at our Opening Night After Party!
- Event tickets to shows in the Atlanta Region

What to expect from the Professional Acting Apprenticeship:

- **Departmental Experience:** Each apprentice will identify an arts administration department of interest. Each will work with the Director of Education and Artistic Director 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.

- **Production Experience:** The Apprentice will serve as a member of the professional production team during the 22-23 season. Each will participate as an understudy, swing, crew or ensemble member. Production hours provide an opportunity to expand your artistic pallet, build or expand your resume and learn the foundational practice of producing an artistic work.
- **Educational Experience:** The Apprentice will participate in training classes and workshops with emphasis on specialized skills such as stage combat safety, directing, intimacy coordination, improvisation, script analysis, physicality, puppetry, acting methods first aid and emergency management and more. Educational hours will provide apprentices with more skill-building knowledge that marries the world of academia with real-world experiences.

Evaluations

We believe in the importance of learning, evaluating, and identifying specific goals during the apprenticeship. Apprentices will receive professional evaluations, and individualized support in personal assessment and pursuing goals. There is a start-of-the year, mid-year and final evaluation. You will participate in monthly meetings with the Director of Education to ask questions, evaluate learning experiences, and identify goals to pursue.

Things to Consider

- 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.
- 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 and administrative schedule/s.
- 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 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.
4. Should you progress to the next round, a member of the education team will schedule an interview.

Send Application to:

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For more information about Aurora Theatre, please visit:

<https://www.auroratheatre.com>