



SAINT ANN'S SCHOOL

GUEST DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATER PROJECT/PERFORMANCE

The Saint Ann's Theater Department aims to incorporate the celebration of our students' individual voices as artists and their collective joy as collaborators in each of our classes and productions. We believe that theater offers opportunities to tell stories, share experiences and create empathy for others. We are currently seeking a theater director for the 7th/8th grade theater project that will be performed in our theater this May. The director will work collaboratively with department faculty to select a text and create a vision for the story that celebrates the student performers' skills and interests while teaching the fundamental skills and values of ensemble creation. This performance will be developed and rehearsed during after school and weekend rehearsals as well as during some in-school hours throughout the week. There will be no auditions for this show and the number of students participating could be anywhere from 20 to 60+. Directors must bring a love of working with and creating live theater with children and be incredibly flexible in the ever changing landscape of Covid 19.

ABOUT SAINT ANN'S SCHOOL

Since its founding in 1965, Saint Ann's has embraced a commitment to education for its own sake, oriented to the capacities of each individual student, free of the encumbrances of formal grading, prizes, and rankings. At the same time, we are unabashedly committed to excellence in all that we do. The lives of our graduates speak powerfully to the potential of an education based on these principles to ignite a passion for learning and to sustain creative energy in every field of endeavor. We accomplish this by offering talented students instruction shaped by creative and dedicated faculty, forming a true community of learners from pre-Kindergarten through high school. With a faculty and staff numbering more than 300, and 1090 students, and occupying space in seven separate buildings clustered in Brooklyn Heights, Saint Ann's draws most of its students from nearby Brooklyn neighborhoods as well as Manhattan. Known for its commitment to an education that brings together passionate and talented teachers with gifted and motivated students, Saint Ann's has earned an outstanding reputation in academic disciplines and the arts. Our accomplished teachers bring to the classroom experience as published authors and scholars, working artists, composers, performers and filmmakers.



RESPONSIBILITIES

- Choosing a play/text/project in collaboration with the department chairs that fits the skills and interests of our Middle School community and brings that vision energetically and joyfully to life on stage for 4-6 performances in early May.
- Writing, editing or adapting the text to fit the needs of the students at Saint Ann's and the number of students in the cast. The director is responsible for the final cut of the script that will be used in performance.
- Attending weekly production meetings and collaborating and communicating with the tech directors (set, light, sound designers) and costume designer and their assistants to develop a design concept for this show. Meeting deadlines with designers for communication and vision.
- Running all information sessions, workshops, rehearsals, tech, dress with cast and student crews (in collaboration with design team) and being present for all rehearsal hours, calls and performances that involve cast.
- Mentoring student stage managers during rehearsal hours to make certain that clear notes are being taken on blocking and design needs for production.
- In collaboration with the Production Coordinator, designing a full production calendar that includes workshop and rehearsal hours, tech times, production meetings and deadlines.
- In collaboration with Production Coordinator, maintaining communication with parents about schedule, schedule changes, food and snack needs (for weekends), calendar, tech rehearsals, performance calls, reservations for tickets and any other student/parent communication that comes up for this production.
- Maintaining communication with Division Head and deans about all communication to parents and students and support needed on the project. In addition to timely communication about any student support needs and necessary follow up.
- Keeping clear attendance records for all rehearsals.
- Maintaining all Covid protocols during rehearsals including oversight of weekend health screenings, maintaining mask mandate in school and encouraging social distancing, safe spaces for eating snacks and lunches and reporting any illnesses immediately to parents and school nurses.



- Flexibility and willingness to pivot to fully online rehearsals and/or performance if Covid restrictions and protocols need to shift during the process.
- Maintaining a healthy, safe and joy-filled environment in which our students can further develop their skills as performance-making artists while also understanding and partaking in the efforts and importance of ensemble at the center of theater making.

REQUIREMENTS

- A love of working with children and ability to embrace their imaginative impulses through the creation of a live performance.
- Experience directing student actors.
- Experience working with a variety of theatrical forms and styles including but not limited to adaptation, musicals, devised work, new plays and physical theater.
- Experience working with students of different identities.
- Awareness of how the applicant's identity impacts their relationship to the ensemble's experience and the theater making process.
- Experience writing new work with ensembles and adapting scripts for student casts.
- Strong planning and organizational skills.
- Commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the process of creating, casting, rehearsing and performing a theater project with students.

Important Dates for 7th and 8th Theater Project 2022:

Announcing project: Week of Feb 7

Rehearsal Period: Feb 22- May 9

Performances: May 9 - May 13

TO APPLY

Please submit a resume and cover letter that speaks to the school's mission to guestdirector@saintannsny.org. Deadline is January 3.



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