

Tour Actor/Director Black Hills Playhouse

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Summary

The Black Hills Playhouse seeks outgoing, fun-loving and flexible actors to be part of a tour team for Dakota Players, the touring outreach program of the Black Hills Playhouse. A tour team consists of 2 professional actors. Each team visits a new community every week to provide theatre education opportunities to communities throughout South Dakota and the surrounding areas.

Organization Profile

Founded in 1946, The Black Hills Playhouse (BHP) is a region-wide theatrical service organization whose mission is to engage diverse people and build stronger communities through artistically challenging, transformative, and inclusive performing arts experiences. The Black Hills Playhouse summer stock theatre produces a 14-week season in an intimate 347-seat proscenium theater located in Custer State Park in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Numerous educational programs, based out of Sioux Falls, SD, serve approximately 2,000 participants each year between Dakota Players tours, BHP Jr. summer performing arts camps, and Expanding Stage programs which serve people of all-abilities.

It is the goal for Dakota Players to teach and delight children, taking them to that wonderful place where magic, imagination, and reality come together. We teach theatre education to students starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school and beyond. All our touring scripts are original, and all musical productions are written and designed by Midwestern artists.

RESPONSIBILITIES

BHP tour teams are responsible for auditioning, casting, and rehearsing local children K-12th grades. The tour team works onsite approximately 20 hours over a week's time. The week comes to an end with two performances of an hour-long musical with the BHP Actor/Directors performing supporting roles alongside the children. The tour team also conducts educational workshops as part of each residency week. Tour teams must work together to create an exciting and memorable experience for each community.

BHP tour teams are responsible for the loading, unloading, set up and tear down of set, sound and lights as well as minor costume repairs as needed.

The tour teams work with the Associate Director of Education to coordinate merchandise sales and tour business as assigned.

If not booked for a tour residency, tour teams act as BHP support staff when needed.

OTHER DUTIES AS ASSIGNED

Qualifications

- Excellent teamwork, communication, customer service, and people skills required
- Well-rounded performance skills
- An outgoing, enthusiastic, and positive attitude
- Show initiative in problem-solving
- The ability to work successfully and ethically with children

- The ability to work calmly under pressure
- A valid driver's license and good driving record
- Passion for sharing your love of theatre to the next generation

Reports to: Associate Director of Education

Hours: This position is designed for 30+ hour/wk. Due to the nature of the role, considerable flexibility will be required as to the pattern of the work. Evening and weekend work will be involved and travel is a must. This is a full time, year-round position.

Benefits/Compensation:

- \$400 per week on the road
- Use of a company owned tour vehicle and all necessary items for production
- Housing provided during training and residency weeks
- Job related expenses while on tour (*travel to and from training site not included*)
- Use of a company cell phone and laptop as needed
- Percentage of merchandise sales
- Ability to attend regional performing arts events
- HRA health reimbursement account

This position is based out of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Employment Equity Statement

The Black Hills Playhouse strongly encourages women, people of color, LGBT individuals, people with disabilities, members of ethnic minorities, and veterans to apply or audition. We are an equal opportunity employer and applicants will not be discriminated against because of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, religion, national origin, citizenship status, disability, ancestry, marital status, medical condition, or any protected category prohibited by local, state, or federal laws.