



Job Posting: Drama Faculty – Movement Specialist (one position)

About GSA

Kentucky's Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) is a rigorous, innovative, and unique summer program that empowers the Commonwealth's next generation of creative leaders. The GSA summer program convenes a community of over 200 high school rising juniors and seniors from across the state to live in residency for three weeks of intensive college-level training under the guidance of a faculty of professional teaching artists. The program emphasizes interdisciplinary collaboration, the impact that artist-citizens can make in their communities, and college/career pathways that leverage students' creative gifts. GSA's nine core areas of study are Architecture + Design, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Film + Photography, Instrumental Music, Musical Theatre, Visual Art, and Vocal Music. GSA is a program of Kentucky Performing Arts (formerly known as The Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts).

About GSA's Drama Program

GSA's Drama program is an intensive acting course with emphasis on development of vocal and physical expressiveness, exceptional storytelling skills, ensemble attitude, creative thinking, and promoting positive change through theatre. Drama students receive instruction in voice and speech, movement for the actor, monologue and scene study, improvisation, and creating original works. Drama students meet and study with a number of theatre professionals, attend summer theatre productions, collaborate with other GSA disciplines, and are provided with insights into educational opportunities and career options in theatre. While the program is process-oriented, drama students work toward a final showcase of monologues, scenes, and ensemble pieces for the final day of the Summer Program.

Students are selected for the program through a rigorous and competitive audition process and perform at a high level. GSA is tuition-free for all students, who represent all regions of Kentucky.

About this position

The Drama faculty consists of three independent contractor positions, which are supported by a teaching assistant. They guide a class of 34 Drama students.

Preference for this position will be given to applicants who are teaching artists with substantial experience (as an instructor and/or practitioner) in ensemble-building and one or more of the following stage movement styles/disciplines: mask (Commedia, neutral), Viewpoints, Suzuki Method, physical comedy, stage combat, puppetry, dance, musical theatre. Experience teaching Shakespeare is desirable but not required. Strong skills in directing and/or choreography and audition preparation are also preferred.

The 2020 program will take place **June 28 – July 18** on the campus of the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY, with faculty planning taking place on **June 27**. During this time, faculty live in residence (room/board are provided), with days starting as early as 9:00 a.m. and ending as late as 10:00 p.m. Studio sessions take place seven days a week, although there are breaks scheduled in for faculty. Faculty are also required to participate in a day-long planning session on **March 22nd** in Lexington, KY, and to engage in planning communication with other faculty leading up to the summer program.

Position requirements:

- Master's Degree or equivalent in experience
- Significant teaching and performing experience
- Ability and desire to collaborate with colleagues.
- Ability to proficiently function in a high-paced and intense learning environment.
- Ability to live in residence during three weeks of summer program.
- Previous experience working with high-school aged actors strongly preferred.

To apply:

Please submit a resume, reference list, and cover letter **by end of day on December 18, 2019** to Nick Covault, Director of GSA, at ncovault@kentuckyperformingarts.org.

For additional information on the position, please call 502-566-5218 or email ncovault@kentuckyperformingarts.org.