



Job Posting: Drama Faculty – one position focusing in voice training

About GSA

Kentucky's Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) is an immersive residential summer program that empowers the Commonwealth's next generation of creative leaders. The GSA summer program convenes a community of 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.

At its core, GSA is a youth empowerment program; we strive to affirm, inspire, and uplift our students toward embracing their identity, power, and potential as artists. The program emphasizes interdisciplinary collaboration, the impact that artist-citizens can make in their communities, and accessible college/career pathways that leverage students' creative gifts.

Students are selected through a competitive application process in one of GSA's nine core artforms: Architecture + Design, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Film + Photography, Instrumental Music, Musical Theatre, Visual Art, and Vocal Music. The program represents a partnership between Kentucky's Tourism, Arts, & Heritage Cabinet and Kentucky Performing Arts, a non-profit organization based in Louisville, KY with a statewide mission. The summer program doubled in size last year and will accept a total of over 500 students for two separate summer sessions in 2023.

About GSA's Drama Program

GSA's Drama program involves intensive actor training with an emphasis on Stanislavski based acting techniques, vocal production for the actor, and physical actor training; moving the actor towards expressive storytelling, creative collaboration with an ensemble, developing original devised material, and promoting positive change through theatre.

Drama students receive instruction in acting, movement, and voice and speech with an emphasis on monologues, scene study, and creating original devised works.

Drama students have the opportunity to train with a number of theatre professionals, attend summer theatre productions, collaborate with other GSA disciplines, and are provided with insights into educational and career opportunities in the 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.

About this position positions

The Drama faculty consists of three independent contractor positions, which are supported by a teaching assistant. They guide a class of approximately 33 young actors. Historically at GSA, each faculty member has served as a specialist in one of the following three core curriculum areas: (1) Acting, (2) Movement, and (3) Voice. This available position will lead the voice portion of the Drama curriculum.

The 2023 Drama program will take place at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY. While two GSA sessions will be offered, this open position is for the **first session** specifically. Important dates for this commitment are as follows:

March 19, 2023: Faculty Planning Kick-Off Meeting (in-person in Lexington, KY or virtual attendance via Zoom)

April/May: Faculty work together to plan curriculum; this work can take place remotely and the pace/distribution of planning tasks is mostly self-directed by faculty.

Summer Program

June 9 & 10: Faculty arrival, orientation, and studio set-up

June 11 - July 1: GSA program

July 2: Faculty depart campus

This position pays a base stipend of \$4,800; housing, food, laundry facilities, and campus parking are provided at no expense to faculty. A transportation stipend is provided to faculty who live more than 60 miles round trip from Lexington, KY. During the summer program, instructional days start as early as 9:00 a.m. and end as late as 10:00 p.m. Studio sessions take place seven days a week, although there are breaks scheduled in for faculty.

Position requirements:

- Master's Degree or Bachelor's Degree with extensive professional experience
- Significant teaching and performing experience
- Knowledge of methods, historical contexts, and contemporary practices in area of focus
- Experience with directing and audition preparation preferred.
- Ability and desire to collaborate with colleagues and proficiently function in a high-paced and intense learning environment.
- Ability and desire to mentor, teach, and lead a diverse group of students while maintaining a safe, affirming, and supportive classroom environment.
- Ability to live in residence during three weeks of summer program.
- This position will be offered contingent upon satisfactory results of a background check. The background check is only required if the position is offered; GSA covers the expense of the check.

To apply:

- Please submit the following materials via [this link](#). Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their materials by end of day Tuesday, January 17th, although applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.
- Cover letter, including description of how applicant would structure their vocal training in an abbreviated, three-week intensive.
- Resume
- Reference List

While application materials should be submitted via the above link, please direct any questions to gsainfo@kentuckyperformingarts.org or 502.566.5192.