

# THEATRE DIRECT

EXCEPTIONAL THEATRE FOR **YOUNG** PEOPLE

## Theatre Direct Canada Summer Drama Camp

**Application Deadline: Thurs., June 18**

**Position:** Camp Counsellor

**Reports to:** Program Director

**Duration of Employment:** 6 weeks, from June 29 through to August 7, 2009.

**Shifts:** Hours are in 2 shifts from 7:45am – 4:00pm or 9:00am to 5:30pm daily (may required to work either shift)

### Camp Overview

Theatre Direct's Artistic Director Lynda Hill and Associate Artistic Director, Thomas Morgan Jones will lead a week of jam-packed theatre making around engaging themes and stories, in a safe and supervised setting. Children will have the opportunity to work independently, in small groups, and as a full ensemble toward the creation of a final presentation at the end of the week.

Campers will explore and learn about:

- Acting/improvisation/writing
- Movement/dance/tableau work
- Theatre design and creation

In addition, campers will:

- Enjoy team building and fun camp activities
- Have opportunities to play in Artscape Wychwood Barns' new splash park
- Participate in songs, crafts, etc.

### Job Summary

- Under the direction and supervision of the Camp Program Director, to work in conjunction with a co-counsellor to provide supervision and programming, and to ensure the physical and emotional safety of a group of campers aged between 4 to 11 years.
- To work with a co-counsellor to lead the campers in recreational and skill development activities.
- To assist in the design, development and implementation of camp-wide theme programs and special events.
- To act as a positive role model and representative of Theatre Direct Canada at all times.

## **Duties & Responsibilities**

1. Supervise, lead and support a group of campers in conjunction with a co-counsellor by:
  - a. Ensuring the physical and emotional safety of each camper
  - b. Assisting campers in learning and adjusting to the daily routine
  - c. Explaining camp guidelines and expectations
  - d. Participating with campers in all programs and activities
  - e. Program and lead safe, fun, engaging, age appropriate activities
  - f. Being sensitive to the individual needs of each camper
  - g. Modeling appropriate behaviour in all routines, programs and activities
  
2. Work with the Camp Program Director to plan, organize and implement daily activities and programs for campers that:
  - a. Are fun, recreational and engaging
  - b. Are safe emotionally and physically
  - c. Are varied and diverse
  - d. Provide for challenge, growth and skill development wherever possible
  - e. Are sensitive to campers' needs and abilities
  - f. Elicit and incorporate campers' ideas and input
  - g. Encourage and motivate camper participation in all activities
  - h. Are evaluated and approved by Program Director
  - i. Are meeting the goals and objectives of the entire program and connected to the values of Theatre Direct Canada
  
3. Being an active member of the camp team, giving input and suggestions on an ongoing basis by:
  - a. Meeting regularly with the Program Director and other camp staff for feedback and ongoing communication
  - b. Attend all camp training sessions and meetings as required
  - c. Acting on feedback and direction received
  - d. Seeking out direction from the Program Director or other appropriate staff whenever you are unsure or unclear about anything
  - e. Checking equipment and program areas for safety and cleanliness on an ongoing basis and reporting any unsafe conditions immediately
  - f. Working cooperatively with all camp staff
  - g. Acting as a positive role model and as a positive ambassador of Theatre Direct Canada at all times
  - h. Being respectful and helpful to all campers' Parents/Caregivers at all times
  
4. Perform all other related duties as assigned by the Program Director or theatre staff.

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## Required/Preferred Skills:

- Passion for and prior experience in Theatre is essential
- Prior camp experience and/or experience working with children
- Current First Aid certification an asset
- Ability to work in a team environment as well as ability to work independently is important
- Applicants must be returning to full-time secondary or post-secondary education program in the fall 2009, in order to qualify for consideration
- Applicants must be available for the full term of the employment period
- Theatre Direct Canada is an equal opportunity employer. Respect for the dignity and worth of every individual in the workplace is fundamental at Theatre Direct. Our organizational values stress the importance of diversity, fairness and trust. We will accommodate candidates in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code for all employment activities, including the recruitment process.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Please e-mail, fax or drop-off your resume to Thomas Morgan Jones at:

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