Position: Education Director
Location: Potrero Stage, San Francisco, CA
Hours: Part-Time/Seasonal

Summer Camp:
- 1 week equivalent of prep time
- Tentative Camp Schedule: June 12-July 21, M-F, 9am-3pm
  - Session 1: June 12 - 23, 2023
  - Session 2: June 26 - July 7, 2023 (no camp on July 4)
  - Session 3: July 10 - 21, 2023

Compensation: $40/hr (Summer camp: $1600/week)
Application close date: open until position filled

About PlayGround:
PlayGround, California’s leading playwright incubator, provides unique development opportunities for the Bay Area’s, Los Angeles’ and now New York’s best new playwrights, including the monthly Monday Night PlayGround staged reading series, annual PlayGround Festival of New Works, full-length play commissions and support for the production of new plays by local playwrights through the New Play Production Fund. To date, PlayGround has supported over 250 early career playwrights, developing and staging more than 1,000 of their original short plays through the Monday Night PlayGround staged reading series and the PlayGround Festival. PlayGround has also commissioned 90 new full-length plays by 60 of these writers through its Commissioning Initiative and, through the innovative New Play Production Fund, has directly facilitated the premiere of 34 plays at theatres of every size, including three that have gone on to NYC and other major theater communities.

Most recently, PlayGround renovated and relaunched the former Thick House Theater in San Francisco’s Potrero Hill as Potrero Stage, a state-of-the-art center for new plays, home to PlayGround’s expanding artistic programs and some of the Bay Area’s most distinguished new play developers and producers. Over the past twenty-seven years, PlayGround has served to identify some of the most important new local voices for the theatre. PlayGround’s alumni have gone on to win local, national, and international honors for their short and full-length work, including recognition at the Humana Festival, O’Neill National Playwrights Conference, Bay Area Playwrights Festival, The Lark’s Playwrights’ Week, New York International Fringe Festival, and others. PlayGround received the 2009 Paine Knickerbocker Award for outstanding
contributions to Bay Area theatre, 3 BATCC Awards for Best Original Script for PlayGround commissions, a 2014 National Theatre Company Grant from the American Theatre Wing (founder of the Tony Awards®), and a 2016 Edgerton Foundation New Play Award.

About the position:
Overall: The Education Director will be responsible for developing and overseeing educational programming throughout the year at PlayGround, including a six-week summer camp for youth 11-18 and opportunities such as afterschool programming, workshops, weekend intensives, and school vacation camps.

Summer Camp:
In 2023, PlayGround will open a new theatre arts summer camp for students ages 11-18, with training in playwriting, directing, acting, and technical direction.

The Education Director, in consultation with PlayGround’s Artistic Staff, will have creative license over the design and structure of the camp, while operating within PlayGround’s model of new play development (i.e.: a theatre incubator and accelerator, facilitating the development of new short works, from concept to public presentation in a short period of time, resulting in high energy theatre). Students will learn playwriting, directing, and acting skills; write short plays in response to a prompt; and direct and act in staged readings of these new works in a showcase at the end of each session.

The Education Director will be in charge of overseeing the operations of the camp, working with 1-2 camp leaders/teaching artists and 1-2 counselors (college-age), and inclusive of teaching responsibilities.

Qualifications:
● B.A. or B.F.A. in theatre or performing arts preferred but not mandatory
● Experience teaching youth ages 11-18
● Creative, self-starting, team player, life-long learner, friendly and outgoing, reliable
● Excellent communication skills
● Experience in playwriting, directing, acting, and/or operating theatre tech
● Willing to complete a background check; must show proof of COVID vaccination (including booster) and negative TB test

Applications Instructions:
Please send an email to jobsearch@playground-sf.org, sharing:
● your teaching philosophy
● why you’re interested in working with PlayGround
● a resume highlighting your work with children and the arts
● a performance headshot/resume (optional)
● 3 professional references

We’re excited to hear from you!